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Senate OKs historic submerged land lease deal with Sea Touch

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The Senate unanimously approved Friday the historic submerged land lease agreement between Sea Touch Saipan LLC and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, paving the way for the \$1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project at the beachfront of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The bill, House Bill 18-198, HS1, now heads to Gov. Eloy S. Inos' desk and if he signs it into law, it will mark the first time the islands would be profiting from its submerged lands, 10 months after President Barack Obama signed Public Law 113-34 that gave the CNMI control of the underwater coasts of its islands.

Baldyga Group special projects director Troy Williams said, "We are extremely excited and ready to start building the operation," when told via email

that the Senate affirmed the submerged land lease with DLNR.

House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he is very pleased and also relieved that the project is now only a step from being realized, despite all the lobbying efforts against it.

"Anybody who attended the public hearings and heard the arguments for and against it would agree that the benefits outweigh the concerns, which to

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ABTC working on memo to stop carding seniors

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The Division of Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control is planning to issue a memo to all retailers in the CNMI allowing them to use common sense when applying Pubic Law 11-75 to cigarette buyers, most especially senior citizens.

That law limits the sale of tobacco to persons over 18 years old and requires establishments to ask everyone—regardless of age—to present a government-issued identification card.

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Alter City eyes Q2 of 2015 for groundbreaking

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Even before the first bulldozers could clear the area, Alter City Group's \$360-million casino resort project at Puntan Diablo on Tinian is proving to be a devil of a job.

The Macau-based company's chief execu-

tive officer Edvon Sze and executive vice president Ken Lin, together with local counsel Robert Torres, attended a joint session of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs at the lower chamber last Thursday.

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From left, Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, Alter City chief executive officer Edvon Sze, executive vice president Ken Lin, and company counsel Robert Torres attend the joint session of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs at the lower chamber last Thursday.



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History, arts, and culture honored at Humanities Awards

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The 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards last Thursday honored the work and lives of several men and women who have helped shape and share the history, cultures, languages, political institutions, and social values of the Commonwealth.

Drs. Hsia-chun Hung and Mike T. Carson, Marie S.C. Castro, Noriyasu Horiguchi, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, and Abed Younis were this year's awardees.

Hung and Carson were awarded for their research and publication in the humanities. One of their notable work is *The First Settlement of Remote Oceania: The Philippines to the Marianas*.

From 2012 to 2014 they did extensive archeological research at the House of Taga site on Tinian. They recovered thousands of ancient pottery fragments, tools of bone, shell and stone and subsistence remains. Radiocarbon dating and comparative analysis of the artifacts confirmed that the Marianas was first settled roughly 3,500 years ago.



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In the front row, from left to right, are Noriyasu Horiguchi, Judge Joseph Camacho, Abed Younis, Frank Castro, brother of Marie Castro, and Galvin Guerrero, this year's humanities awards winners.

Castro was awarded for preservation of CNMI history, for her 2013 book *Without a Penny in My Pocket: My Bittersweet Memories of Before and After World War II*. Her book begins in the 1930s, describing traditional Chamorro life centered on the family, farm, and the church, until after the war when Saipan was transformed by

its violence.

Horiguchi was awarded for preservation of traditional cultural practices. He is a Japanese-English legal translator, technical editor, and researcher who in recent years has used social media to disseminate information on local history and cultures. "Save the Monument (Pagan Island)" and "Fino'

Chapanese," for example, are two Facebook pages that engage the public on issues relating to Pagan, and examines the infusion of Japanese words into the indigenous languages here. He has lived in the CNMI for more than 40 years.

Camacho was awarded for outstanding humanities teacher for his instrumental role

in developing the Junior High Mock Trial program, which, according to him, has continued to grow each and every year. He is an associate judge in the CNMI Superior Court.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero was awarded for this year's outstanding humanities teacher. He is the president and principal of Mount Carmel School, and has taught

as an adjunct instructor at Northern Marianas College. At MCS, he has led a nationally competitive mock trial program and his passion for literature can be seen in his recent stage adaptation of Marie Shelley's *Frankenstein*.

Abed Younis was awarded for his lifetime achievement in the humanities as founder of the *Marianas Variety*, which has covered the developments and issues in the NMI in the last 42 years, and has since then expanded into Guam and Palau.

Frankie Eliptico, acting chair of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, described the night's awardees as individuals who have done a phenomenal job in not only personifying personal beliefs but advancing the practice, observation and most importantly, the celebration of the humanities.

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, in his special remarks, recited lines from Robert Frost's *Our Hold on the Planet*. He called the night's awardees individuals whose work "have enhanced and enriched our lives, and reflected the CNMI's history, cultures, and social values."

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Joe Salas now back home

Six days after being found alive in the wilderness of Idaho County, former Saipan resident Joseph "Joe" Salas is now back home in Boise, according to the 53-year-old's wife, Cathy.

"Today, Joe was discharged from the hospital and has made a tremendous recovery considering being out in freezing cold for five nights without food and limited water," a posting in Cathy Salas' Facebook page read.

In the same posting, Cathy thanked everyone who helped in Joe's search and those who prayed for his safety.

"This ordeal has touched us in so many ways and we cannot thank each of you enough. What we have witnessed is the coming together of everyone in prayers regardless of race or religion and all sharing so much love. It has brought us all

together much closer, strengthened our faith, and be at peace with each and everyone of us."

In a Facebook message to *Saipan Tribune*, Cathy said Joe is resting at home and seems to be feeling better. "He just can't put pressure on his right foot for two weeks. Of course he's relieved to be back home, but not sure yet when he's going back to work."

She said Joe's first meal at home was barbecue ribeye steak and beef short ribs adobo.

"On behalf of Joe, our children Jon and Ashley, Ton and Stormy, we extend our deepest appreciation for all the prayers, words of comfort, and generosity during the most painful five days of searching for Joe," added Cathy at the end of her Facebook post.

Joe was found alive last Oct. 17, Saipan time, after he went

missing following a hunting trip five days earlier.

A day before Moses Sablan found him, his family on Saipan was about to give up the search as authorities warned of a cold front descending on the search area.

Joe is a former president of the Saipan Little League Baseball Association, a former staff of the House of Representatives, and a former manager of a garment factory in Tanapag. He is also a former U.S. Army Ranger. *(Mark Rabago)*

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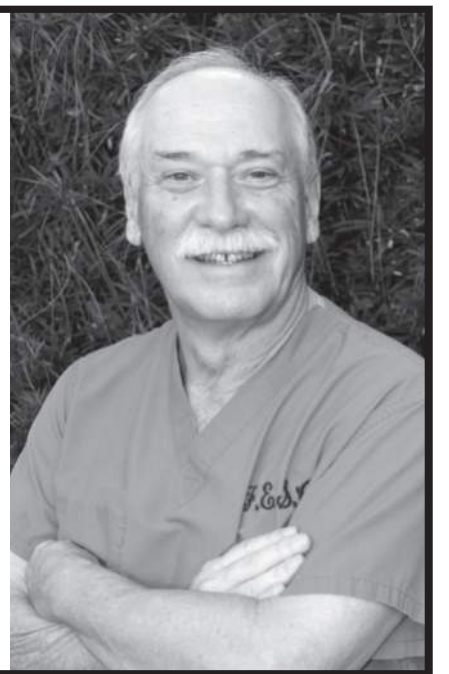
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A nearby shear line will trigger a few showers and isolated thunderstorms at times in the next few days. Along north facing reefs, hazardous surf of 7 to 10 feet is expected to fall below hazardous levels today. *(HSEM)*

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18-inch rodent causes islandwide power outage

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A rodent caused an islandwide power outage on Saipan early Saturday morning, according to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher.

Those who were either awake, heading off to work, or heading back home early in the morning at approximately 5:28am experienced an islandwide power outage that lasted nearly three hours.

In an email over the weekend,

Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that an 18-inch rodent caused a short and arc flash explosion in the main substation transformer at Power Plant 1.

"This short caused a heavy fault and immediate shutdown of the entire island's power sup-

ply. There were no injuries," Fletcher said.

He said repair crews were immediately on site to troubleshoot the problem, then assess and replace damaged equipment.

According to CUC's call center, they were informed of

the situation but they didn't experience mass calls from concerned citizens.

"Following the repairs, main feeders were reenergized beginning shortly after 7am," Fletcher said.

Power service to all Saipan

consumers was restored at 8:28am.

"CUC's operations team apologizes for the inconvenience resulting from this power interruption," Fletcher said.

Anyone who experiences interruptions or service problems following the outage may contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282.

AG bets agree: CNMI does not need more guns

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The two contenders for the first elected attorney general in the CNMI both agree that the Commonwealth does not need more guns.

Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan and attorney Michael Norita Evangelista expressed their position that the CNMI gun control law should remain as it is.

The issue was among the many questions raised by members of the CNMI Bar Association during their general

membership meeting on Thursday at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's Restaurant.

Manibusan said civilians in the CNMI are only allowed to possess .22 caliber rifles and .410 shotguns.

"To be honest with you, we like the situation, what we have right now," Manibusan said. "We don't need any more guns in the Commonwealth."

Manibusan said the Commonwealth can't even control

alcohol and betel nuts.

"Just imagine having more guns, what it will do to this community. We are safe now without them. I think we should leave it that way," the former presiding judge said.

Evangelista cited a pending case in the U.S. District Court for the NMI about gun possession law issue. He said his personal position is that the Commonwealth is safer the way it is now.

"I support what we have now.

I think we should prefer it that way," he said.

Evangelista said at the end of the day, the District Court for the NMI will decide the issue.

Evangelista was referring to a lawsuit filed by David J. Radich, a U.S. Navy Gulf War veteran, and his wife that challenges the constitutionality of the CNMI Weapons Control Act that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

Radich's wife suffered serious injuries during a home invasion on Saipan in 2010.

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And one thing was made abundantly clear during the proceedings: The open dumpsite right smack where Alter City is planning to build its 18-hole golf course is proving to be the major sticking point in the company moving forward with its land lease deal with the Department of Public Lands.

While the Inos administration has already signed off on DPL's land lease deal with Alter City, the agreement still needs the Legislature's final approval.

"With the size of the development there's no way you can make a decision on one night. A lot of it is a step-by-step process. It's very important for us to be transparent and everyone work together and target the task together. The most essential factor is to work with the local government especially on this dumpsite issue," Lin said in an interview with reporters after the joint session.

The Alter City official said if CNMI government agencies expedite the permitting process, they are ready to start Phase I of construction as early as June 2015.

"[We hope to] break ground on the 500-room hotel in the second quarter of 2015, which is [from] June to September. After six months, if the permitting is complete, we can then [start] on to building the 18-hole golf course in 75 hectares of land."

Lin also clarified that while Alter City can start construction of the 500-room hotel, there is no way the company can begin on the golf course with the landfill still not relocated from Puntan Diablo.

"[The] hotel is a little off the dumpsite and hopefully that can go on simultaneously [with the relocation of the dumpsite]. But the hotel can't be opened if the dumpsite is still around. The three-year permitting process actually gives us some leeway. We're looking at opening in four years' time. With the magnitude of project we'd be lucky

if we get the building completed in three years' time."

Lin said the success and failure of Alter City's \$360-million casino resort hinges on how quickly the CNMI government relocates the open dumpsite.

"When we first saw this land three or four years ago, we understood that it was a beautiful site except for the dumpsite. We've been actually working with the Tinian municipality on how to find the best way to address this issue. [The] outcome today is very good and very positive, especially on the landfill issue," he said. "It's a gorgeous site. It's a beautiful, beautiful site. Dumpsite is not a given. If this dumpsite is forever there, we'll probably just take half of it. But we realized that this dumpsite is not even certified and is only temporary. DPL and the government assured us that the dumpsite will be moved and that's why we signed the lease."

Alter City also promised that once the land lease deal with DPL is formalized, the company would begin negotiations with the

Tinian Gaming and Casino Commission for a casino license.

Torres, for his part, urged the Legislature to make sure that the 19th and 20th legislatures will continue to fund the relocation of the dumpsite on Tinian because the \$6.5 million in Capital Improvement Project funds for fiscal year 2015 is not enough.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, meanwhile, said his office has already been in touch with Marianas Forces Pacific on the most suitable place to relocate the dumpsite.

Currently, he said the most promising site is the Tinian quarry and that it would take them 18 months to effectuate the relocation. He, however, said that Tinian CIP funding shouldn't be the sole source of the relocation, since most of the money is already appropriated for other projects.

Dela Cruz also said the Tinian dumpsite is not his municipality's responsibility alone but the whole CNMI's problem and thus its relocation should come out of the general fund.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero on Friday reiterated his position that the CNMI is a safer place without handguns.

Last July, Deleon Guerrero urged the Legislature not to toy around with the CNMI Weapons Control Act by expanding gun ownership.

He believes that the Weap-

ons Control Act is one of the best pieces of legislation the Legislature has ever come up.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) in June prefled a bill that would, among other things, include U.S. lawful permanent residents or "green card" holders among those who will be allowed to obtain firearm identification cards in the CNMI.

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ABTC director David R. Maratita told *Saipan Tribune* that they are currently working with the Office of Attorney General to come up with a memorandum to specifically address the issue.

"Please understand that we are only enforcing what is written in the law. We are also addressing the issue by working with AG by issuing a memo to try and pacify complaints regarding this mandatory ID carding," he said.

Maratita acknowledged that while the mandatory cigarette carding law has been in existence since 1999, ABTC only began implementing it this year by conducting its Responsible Alcohol and Tobacco Sales and Service Training.

The workshop is required of all workers of retail outlets that sell alcohol and tobacco on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

'Ridiculous, insane'

ABTC's 100 percent mandatory carding of all cigarette buyers caught Senate floor leader Pete Reyes' ire during a Senate session on Friday.

Reyes, who is retiring after the 18th Legislature, said retail staff should use common sense when carding individuals buying tobacco who are obviously more than 18 years old.

He also called on ABTC to clarify some sections of the law and even requested the Senate to hold a hearing to finally get to the bottom of the issue "that is coming to be a burden to the community."

"It is very degrading if a person like me walks into a store and is required to produce an ID. Stores are required to do that or their license will be revoked. But I have yet to see a 17-year-old young man who is like me, with grey hair and aging, who walks into a store to buy cigarettes."

He also urged his colleagues from Tinian and Rota to support him on the issue because the mandatory 100 percent carding of all cigarette and al-

cohol purchases will also be applied on the two islands where ABTC will also be conducting its workshops.

"This is really tantamount to harassment. Are we going to just sit around and not react to this kind of stupidity? I don't think you should go out and ask a person who's visibly over 60 years old to produce an ID card. This is ridiculous! This is insane!"

Community reaction

ABTC's 100 percent mandatory carding of all cigarette and alcohol purchases has already created tension in the counters of retail outlets on Saipan.

For instance, a Twins Supermarket Dandan staff said they get shouted and berated almost everyday because of ABTC requiring them to finally apply the law.

"It's hard but we have to do it because this is what they told us to do during the workshop," the staff told *Saipan Tribune*.

Department of Public Works staff Rita Ilal said she's in favor of stricter enforcement of PL 11-75 because it keeps underage youth from buying cigarettes.

The Chalan Laulau resident, however, said that you really couldn't blame senior citizens who get irritated if retail stores ask for identification cards.

Her 68-year-old father, for example, got worked up because a staff at Hannam store in Koblerville always cards him when he buys his favorite pack of cigarettes, although he already showed them his ID several times.

She said the enforcement doesn't make sense if staff already knows the person and when he or she is obviously more than 18 years old.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said he fully supports Reyes' stand on the 100 percent mandatory carding of alcohol and cigarette purchases.

He, however, confirmed what Maratita said that Attorney General Gilbert Birnrich is already looking at the issue to come up with a "solution so as not to unnecessarily burden senior citizens."

SENATE

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me are really non-existent. [It's] not based on science. ...I'm a fisherman and I don't agree with what was proclaimed... and I fished in that area," he told reporters after the Senate session Friday.

The lawmaker said the \$1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project would help the CNMI distinguish itself from tourist hotspots like Guam and Palau.

"I think it will go a long way in helping our destination's enhancement efforts. This is one thing that can distinguish us from other islands. This has a potential, through word of mouth, of

marketing this area even more. Best marketing is always word of mouth and we can't even quantify what that is worth."

One of the foremost proponents of the project, Diego Benavente, was also all smiles after the Senate passed Sea Touch's submerged land lease deal with DLNR.

"I'm very happy, of course. This is something I've been helping with a good three or four months now. It's long overdue and it's something important for our tourism industry and I'm just so glad that the Senate acted quickly on it," said the former lieutenant governor and House speaker.

Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) once again testified in Friday's session, reiterating his

position that the area behind Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan are traditional fishing grounds.

He said he and over 100 people who signed the petition are not opposed to Sea Touch's construction of temporary pens for sharks and stingrays; they just want the company to move it a little north to where Hyatt Regency Saipan's waterfront is located.

Deleon Guerrero once again came to the defense of his bill and of Sea Touch's project.

"He has a petition and I don't know if all of them are fishermen. It may just be people who signed the petition to support it, I guess. Realistically, you ask around who fish there and what kind of fish do they catch. I only fish the small fish there and it's

only seasonal."

In an earlier interview, Tebuteb showed *Saipan Tribune* a special permit granted by the Division of Fish & Wildlife to a group of fishermen who conducted a spearfishing competition allegedly in the area of contention.

In a Sept. 5, 2014, fishing data sheet submitted by the group to the division, it listed that it caught "71.3 lbs" of assorted fish in the disputed waters off Fiesta Resort.

Williams, during an earlier Senate hearing, said moving the project to the shallower part on Hyatt will be a deal-breaker, while moving it further out to sea will "kill" the concessionaires that use the channel for their activities.

‘Ice’ possession charge vs ex-Sports and Rec exec dismissed

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has dismissed one count of possession of methamphetamine or “ice” and one count of possession of marijuana against former Division of Sports and Recreation deputy director John B. Reyes Jr. Camacho, however, found probable cause to charge the 36-year-old Reyes with another count of possession of “ice.”

During a preliminary hearing last week, Camacho said he heard the testimony of the witness and found that there is no probable cause for count one of illegal possession of “ice” and one count of illegal possession of marijuana.

The judge dismissed the two charges without prejudice, meaning the prosecution is allowed to re-file the same charges in the future.

Camacho said the “ice” found on the windshield wiper handle on the steering wheel of a car is dismissed without prejudice because there were three other people in the car, and one was even seated on the driver’s seat where the items were found.

Camacho said the government failed to prove that the three other people did not possess the items that were found in the car.

Camacho said Department of Public Safety detective Jeffrey Norita, who testified and who was also at the scene, did not separate the three other oc-

cupants of the car. Camacho said Reyes was seated at the right rear-passenger seat—the farthest place from the marijuana and “ice” that were found at the steering wheel and driver’s sun visor.

He noted that the detective failed to get any statements from the three other occupants that the marijuana and “ice” were present in the car before they entered, which would have strengthened the connection to Reyes as the owner of the car.

Camacho said the prosecutor makes the incorrect leap in logic that Reyes, as owner of the car, is automatically in possession of “ice” and marijuana.

Camacho said if Reyes was the only one in the car at the time the police came to the scene, the correlation between Reyes and the marijuana and the “ice” would be better established.

Instead, DPS failed to interview the three other people to determine if Reyes or any of the other three people possessed the “ice” and marijuana.

“This is particularly important because the 911 caller who reported ‘drug activity’ did not indicate who exactly was conducting the drug activity—was it one, some, or all of them?” he said.

Camacho said he also heard the testimony of the witness and found that there is no probable cause as to illegal possession of marijuana because the items

were found on the driver’s sun visor side and Reyes was seated on the rear right passenger and that there were three other people in the car including one on the driver’s seat.

Arraignment will be today, Monday, at 9am.

Police said they recovered

.4 gram of “ice” from Reyes’ pouch and another .4 gram of “ice” and one stick of marijuana from the car.

Police arrested Reyes for alleged possession of methamphetamine or “ice” and marijuana at a parking lot of a store in San Jose last Oct. 10.

According to a police report, Reyes’ three other companions were also arrested for illegal possession. It’s not clear whether a complaint will also be filed against the three. The complaint was filed only against Reyes.

Chief Prosecutor Brian Flaherty appeared for the government at the preliminary hearing. Assistant public defender

Michael Sato served as counsel for Reyes.

Norita stated in the complaint that DPS dispatched two patrol officers to a reported possible drug activity in-progress involving a Toyota Lexus car with license plate ACH-868 parked at San Jose Mart in San Jose last Oct. 10 at 5:27pm. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Former Crimestoppers chair gets posthumous award

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Christina C. Smith was awarded the Crimestoppers International "President's Global Award" for her exemplary service and dedication as former chairperson of the NMI's local Crimestoppers program.

During her time with the program since 2009, Smith helped devise a contest to have high school students shoot commercials showing the Crimestoppers theme and message. She also led a poster contest that churned out "dozens of beautiful posters," according to Jim Arenovski, regional director of Crimestoppers.

"None of us had that creativity to see that happen, and Christina made that happen. The first time we did these video contests, we won an international media award for 'Crime of the Week,'" Arenovski said.

Matt Smith spoke of the work his wife left behind. Christina lost her fight to cancer last year.

"I know Christina really loved Crimestoppers. When Jim told me about the award last night, it brought tears to my eyes. Christina loved this island, loved the people. I remember my son did one [vid-



eo] himself," he said.

The local Crimestoppers program was also awarded the "Best Website Award" and "Best Crime of the Week" by Crimestoppers International at their recent conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

Out seven awards submitted this year, the NMI won two

awards, according to Arenovski. The local program won best website for populations zero to 300,000. Ricky Sanchez was given the award for his design of www.nmicrimstoppers.net.

The best radio crime of the week was given to Sorensen Media Group for populations zero to 300,000.

"There's a lot of competition in these categories. This is a testament to the board of directors and the NMI

Crimestoppers for their hard work and effort for getting the public, police, and media involved in preventing crime in

the NMI," Arenovski said. In other news, Crimestoppers now has a "tip-submit application" app for iPhone or Android. It can be downloaded on Google Play or the Apple Store.

"It allows you to send tips into Crimestoppers completely anonymously. It's just like being on the Web or being on the phone. It allows you take a picture. It allows you to give information. It's going to be a powerful new tool for law enforcement in the CNMI," Arenovski said.

He clarified, though, that the app should be used for information on crime that is going to happen or "after-the-fact," and urged the public to call 911 if they ever witness a crime unfold.

OAG to appeal ruling in case vs ex-Rota liaison staff

The Office of the Attorney General is appealing Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's decision to exclude the testimony of a then-21-year-old man whom former Rota liaison employee Allan A. Taitano allegedly tried to sexually assault.

Chief Prosecutor Brian P. Flaherty and assistant attorney general Clayton J. Graef filed a notice on Friday in Superior Court of the government's intention to appeal the decision to the CNMI Supreme Court and have Camacho's order reversed.

In an order on Wednesday, Camacho granted Taitano's second motion to exclude the testimony of the alleged victim, who is his godson.

The OAG's notice of appeal did not cite the grounds of the

government's appeal.

In a separate order on Thursday, Camacho also granted Taitano's request to exclude the testimony of the mother of the alleged victim.

Taitano, 44, is facing charges that he attempted to sexually assault his then-21-year-old godson. His jury trial is scheduled on Oct. 27, 2014.

The judge said he finds it necessary at this time to impose a more drastic remedy by excluding the testimony of the alleged victim.

Camacho reiterated his message that government representatives must maintain a strictly neutral position, both in words and conduct, concerning a witness' right to either agree to or decline defense interviews.

"Comments and actions that indicate that speaking with the

defense is bad for the case, bad for the witness, not preferred by the prosecution, or not advisable, all impermissibly interfere with a defendant's due process rights," the judge pointed out.

Camacho reminded prosecutors of the Office of the Attorney General that it is necessary to ensure that all staff members understand that the government cannot discourage alleged victims or their family members from speaking with defense attorneys.

Police arrested Taitano in April 2013 in Dandan for allegedly attempting to sexually assault his godson inside a vehicle in an open field in As Lito. The victim allegedly managed to run away and hide in the jungle for several hours.

Taitano pleaded not guilty. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Kagman's Tank Beach needs signage for tourists

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REPORTER

One of the most sought-after beaches on Saipan still lacks directional signage that would point tourists and visitors in the right direction.

Tank Beach, one of the historic beaches of Saipan, still causes confusion among tourists who travel to Kagman in search of the beach.

Majority of tourists usually

end up driving through Pine Dr., ending up at local residents' homes or dead ends.

Over the years, tourists have either ended up on Rosewood Ave. or in other streets where they seemingly get lost with all the turns and curves within the secondary roads.

One Chinese tourist over the weekend asked *Saipan Tribune* where Tank Beach was because his map indicated where the location was but there were so

many turns that he had gotten completely lost.

A Korean tourist with his family members told *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend that they had been driving for nearly an hour looking for Tank Beach.

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), who represents Precinct 5, told *Saipan Tribune* that his office is "looking into the matter and we will plan on putting up a

temporary sign so that tourists don't get lost."

Signs for Forbidden Island

have already been put in place, but in English.

Deleon Guerrero said they will work on the matter to find an easier way for visitors going to Kagman.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they will talk with the Division of Parks and Recreation and seek its assistance.

AG grateful House stepping forward to resolve land compensation issue

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The Office of Attorney General is happy that not one, not two, but three members of the House of Representatives are willing to sign off on the certified question about Public Law 18-19, which appropriates \$800,000 to land-owners whose properties were taken by the government for public use.

Attorney General Gilbert Birnrich said a certified question before the Supreme Court will put finality not only to the much-debated land compensation law but also any law and future laws that appropriates money from the Managaha landing and users fees.

"The issue of the constitutionality of whether the Legislature may appropriate the Managaha landing fees has been lingering for 15 years. We are grateful that members of the Legislature are stepping forward to help the administration and the OAG resolve this long festering issue," he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the Office of the Attorney General always consults with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio on the issue of the certified question and Public Law 18-19, in general.

"After it is determined who will be the named representative(s) on the other side of the certified question, attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with the governor and secretary of Public Lands, will work in collaboration with the

named representative(s) and their designated counsel to expeditiously bring the certified question to the Supreme Court."

Birnrich said only after a member of the Legislature agrees to work with the Executive Branch on the certified question will the OAG, again in concert with the Inos administration and DPL secretary, collaborate "with the named representative(s) and their designated counsel to come up with the appropriate wording" for the certified question.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon and Reps. Tony Benavente and Chris Leon Guerrero are the three members of the House who have volunteered to sign off on the certified question.

The attorney general also explained why the OAG opposed the public law in the first place, saying it runs counter to the CNMI Constitution.

"It is the OAG's belief that SLL 18-19 is unconstitutional because it infringes upon the constitutionally required function of [Marianas Public Land Trust] to receive the revenues generated from the management and disposition of public lands for the benefit of persons of Northern Marianas descent."

When asked why the OAG didn't just recommend that the governor veto the bill when it reached his desk, Birnrich said: "Any communication the OAG had with the governor regarding SLL 18-19 is privileged from disclosure under attorney-client confidentiality. Confidential and privileged communications are recognized in law and rule and are an extremely important as-

pect of any lawyer-client relationship. As such, confidential and privileged communication is an extremely important aspect of the OAG's relationship with government officials such as the governor."


Pete A to follow court decision

Public Lands Secretary Tenorio, meanwhile, said he has provided Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) a breakdown of the payment schedule rates of the Managaha landing and users fees but he has refused to make the money available to the Legislature for Public Law 18-19.

"I don't comply to make the money available. That's the ultimate request to make the money available. But, like I said before, I'm listening to the AG. The attorney general said it's unconstitutional based on his opinion. We need to subject this question to the courts. We have not resolved that issue."

Echoing Birnrich, Tenorio wants the issue on Managaha landing fees finally resolved.

"The certified question has not been addressed. We're waiting for that and we hope that the two parties can come together so they can go to court so this will be decided once and for all. If the court says, 'DPL follow,' then I [will] follow. As it is right now, it's a decision to be made between a public law that is questionable and a provision of the Constitution. I would rather violate the public law, which is questionable than to violate the Constitution, which is not questionable. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land."



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Saipan's nearshore fisheries studied for heavy metals

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REPORTER

A study this year looks at the adverse effects of stormwater runoff from wartime dumpsites on the near shore fisheries along the eastern side of Saipan.

Of soil from 32 sites examined, soil from seven exceeded Saipan's currently adopted screening levels, according to the Water and Research Institute of the Western Pacific Univer-

sity of Guam.

But when weighed against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "more conservative" ecological screen levels, samples from all sites yielded heavy metal that exceeded levels for at least one element, according to WERI.

In an email, Dr. Gary Denton, lead investigator of the project, said the research will be presented at this year's Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Science

Education, and Environmental Management at the American Memorial Park next month on Nov. 18 to 19.

He said the primary objective of the research was to see if metals, especially mercury, were being transported from these wartime dumpsites into the coastal belt and being taken up by nearshore fish that are popularly harvested for food.

The great majority of wartime dumpsites are located in

watersheds and on the eastern side of Saipan.

Looking at past data, WERI listed contaminants like heavy metals, chlorinated hydrocarbons, petroleum, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons as the most encountered contaminants. However, no previous data on the movement of these chemicals into the coast exist.

WERI noted of "particular importance" the heavy metals, pesticides, and PCBs that may

accumulate and concentrate in living organisms.

This stormwater-induced movement from the old dumpsites may have left "undesirable characteristics" on aquatic resources used for food, according to WERI.

Samples were taken from the soils of several of these dumpsites and from some surface water drainage pathways leading to the coast.

WERI stated that the project is currently looking to gauge the magnitude of metal contamination in nearshore waters by studying the algae and limpets there.

They noted that preliminary data from this survey showed that metal enrichment of biotic components has occurred at some of the locations.

The study to be presented at the November conference will be on extending the heavy metal monitoring program to fisheries, looking specifically at fish used for food, according to WERI. The study will identify the potential health risks of the consumption of these fish.

The study addresses the concerns voiced by CNMI stakeholders at WERI's 2012 Advisory Council meeting regarding the impact of Formerly Used Defense Sites, or FUDS, on Saipan's aquatic resources, according to WERI.

The study is titled "Heavy Metal Status of Nearshore Fisheries Impacted by Old Military Dumpsites on the Eastern side of Saipan, CNMI."

Hotel, NMTI partner in employing local workers

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REPORTER

Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel currently has four employees who've been trained by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, and they are "looking for more," according to the hotel's assistant general manager, Noel Roque.

This is one reason why they donated on Friday a check worth \$3,420.36 to NMTI to help support it in its efforts to provide the skills and trade education necessary to certify a local workforce.

NMTI's education director Victorino Cepeda said their vision is to "train our local people" who otherwise have no job skills.

Their program will help "put them to work," he said.

He said all 160 students who went through the training pro-

gram are now at job sites.

He said NMTI wants to diversify the disciplines they offer, and hire more instructors to expand their nighttime program at Kagman High School into the other high schools.

Also in the works is CK Beach Hotel's expansion of its facilities to include more rooms.

Brian P. Reyes of RPCF, Inc., consultants for CK Beach Hotel, cited the island's high occupancy rate and the shortage of rooms on island that need to be addressed.

He said the expansion would take one to two years to finalize.

Crispin Santos, CK Beach Hotels' HR and room division manager, described the employees they have hired from NMTI as "well-skilled."

"NMTI is really helpful in providing local workers. So we want to help them," said Santos.



ISLAND VISIT

Former Guam congressman Robert Underwood, who is also the current president of the University of Guam, and Nerissa Underwood join the Babauta-Torres team and famed singer Candy Taman on a recent visit.

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Hofschneider OKs proposed deal to pursue claim vs Merrill Lynch

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider has signed on behalf of Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI government an engagement agreement that NMI Settlement Fund trustee Joyce C. H. Tang has renegotiated with a law firm that currently represents the claims against the NMI Retirement Fund's former consultant, Merrill Lynch.

Hofschneider approved the deal as Inos is still off-island.

Attorney General Gilbert Birnbrich also signed the agreement, along with other parties involved.

Under the proposal, Tang and the Florida-based Levin law firm, which is representing individual claimants against Merrill

Lynch, may also hire associated counsel if they deem it to be in the best interests of the Settlement Fund.

The CNMI government, however, reserves the right to object to hiring additional associated counsel and payments to the law firm of Bronster Hoshibata, which is counsel for Betty Johnson and the settlement class.

Aside from Birnbrich's, Tang's and Hofschneider's signatures, the other signatories are counsels for Betty Johnson and the settlement class, NMI Retirement Fund, Levin law firm, and O'Connor law firm (also counsel for individual claimants).

The original claimants in the lawsuit against Merrill Lynch

are Mariano Taitano, Roman Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero. The NMI Retirement Fund's board assigned to them the claims asserted in the Merrill Lynch litigation.

Merrill Lynch was the Fund board's investment consultant until 2010. During the time of the consultancy relationship, the value of Fund's assets reportedly declined substantially.

Taitano, Tudela and Guerrero, through counsel O'Connor law firm, sued the Fund's board, Merrill Lynch, and unnamed others in Superior Court, alleging various causes of action for damages relating to the decline of the Fund's assets.

As a result,

The lawsuit in Superior Court was then stayed and the matter was submitted to arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulation Authority.

The assignees and their counsel O'Connor law firm now wish to assign their interests in the Merrill Lynch litigation to the Settlement Fund, so the Settlement Fund can prosecute that action in its own name.

Under the proposed engagement agreement, the Levin law firm shall represent the Settlement Fund in the FINRA arbitration and any appeals arising therefrom, including the collection or recovery of any arbitration award or settlement. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Project will look for hidden WWII ordnances in Marpi

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REPORTER

Contractors of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants the public to be aware of an ongoing project at the Marpi Point Field on Saipan and unexploded ordnances in the area.

Parsons Co. project manager Don Silkebakken said Tuesday at their first public hearing at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center in Garapan that they are doing a "remedial investigation/feasibility study" in the area.

Silkebakken said the results of the study will provide the foundation for a proposed plan and decision document to con-

duct a remedial project for unexploded ordnances in Marpi.

"The [study] is really important because public involvement is a critical part to our activities. While we are doing this project, we will be holding public hearings," Silkebakken said.

He explained that the area is dangerous because prior to the last clearance by the U.S. Navy in 1967, removing unexploded ordnances was done only through visual detection methods.

This latest project will identify underground or hidden UXOs.

"We will include digital geophysical mapping to identify subsurface metallic anomalies,"

Silkebakken said.

The project started when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted a nationwide effort to identify, manage, and prioritize future response actions at "formerly used defense sites." Marpi Point Field is on of these sites.

A site inspection field effort consisting of instrument-aided reconnaissance and munitions constituent environmental sampling was conducted in November 2009.

The project's draft final work plan is proposed for Dec. 1, 2014, the second public meeting for updates on the project will be in early January next year, field activities will begin

in mid-February 2015, and estimated completion of field work is in July 2015.

Silkebakken said that if any interested individual would like to know about the project, they can visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Beach Road in Susupe.

"The [Army Corps] wants the public to be a part of study efforts as we work hard to ensure the public's safety, the safety of our onsite workers, and to protect the environment," he said.

For more information on the project, contact the USACE Honolulu District, Helen Takamoto, at 808-835-4088 or email FUDS-PH@usace.army.mil.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kagman school PTSA meeting tonight

Kagman High School's PTSA will have a general meeting tonight, Oct. 27, 2014, at the Chacha Middle School, starting at 6pm. All Kagman High School parents will receive raffle tickets for attending. (*PR*)

Navy training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 from noon to 10pm on Oct. 28 to 29. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprised of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (*PR*)

Veterans Day proclama-

tion signing

The Military and Veterans Affairs Office is inviting all veterans, active and reserved military members, and the public to join them for the Veterans Day proclamation signing on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, at 10am at the Office of the Governor's conference room. This year's Veterans Day falls on Nov. 11, a Tuesday. (*PR*)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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Happy 8th birthday to our wonderful and loving daughter, Maegan Myhia V. Taitano! May you have more birthdays in life and good health. Enjoy your day and we're always here for you no matter what. We love you forever. Love, your family.

Docomo Pacific Golf Classic benefits MTEC

Proceeds from the 5th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic will provide more opportunities for the Marianas Tourism Education Council to educate the community, especially the youth about the importance of tourism.

Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, who organizes the annual golf tournament, handed over a check for \$14,627.32 on Oct. 23 to be used for MTEC programs.

Nelson also recognized the numerous businesses who contributed to the golf classic, saying, “Every year, the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic garners sponsorship from NMI businesses, because we know it is



vital that we invest in tourism, in order to achieve positive

changes in our community.” MTEC chair Vicky Benaven-

te expressed appreciation to the volunteers and participants of

MTEC
Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, second from right, presents the proceeds of the 5th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic to the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct. 23, 2014, at the Docomo Pacific office in Gualo Rai, Saipan. Pictured from left are MTEC board member Larry Lee, MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, Nelson, and MTEC treasurer Chris Lubi.

the annual event.
“MTEC continues to repeat the slogan ‘Tourism is Everybody’s Business’ because without community involvement, the islands’ tourism industry will not thrive, or we wouldn’t be able to compete as a travel

destination,” Benavente said.
MTEC treasurer Christopher Lubi added, “It really feels great that there are private businesses like Docomo Pacific whose support makes a great deal of difference in the service of our community. These contributions give MTEC bigger opportunities to expand its reach and make our youth more involved in promoting the Marianas.”
MTEC board member Larry Lee said the donation will assist with the MY WAVE Clubs, off-island field trips, island tours, essay contests, and the annual MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit.
“Despite economic challenges, MTEC will continue to reach out to the community, bringing together all stakeholders, whether in the public or private sector,” Lee said. *(MTEC)*

MCS’ President’s List and Honor Roll for Q1

Mount Carmel School congratulates the following students for making it to the 1st Quarter President’s List and Honor Roll. (Note that students are listed in alphabetical order according to their first names.)

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AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes – September 23, 2014 Meeting
 - E. Correspondence
 - 1. Capital Projects Finance Authority
- II. Public Comments***
- III. Management Reports**
 - A. Updates on All Pending Action Items
- IV. Executive Session****
 - A. Personnel Matter
- V. Board Reports**
- VI. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business**
- VII. Adjournment**

** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UTILITY UPGRADE FOR ARFF VEHICLE RAPID REFILL (WATERLINE RELOCATION) PROJECT Project No. CPA-TA-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for the Tinian International Airport Utility Upgrade for ARFF Vehicle Rapid Refill (Waterline Relocation) Project, No. CPA-TA-001-14, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes development of documentation for National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance, constructability review, completion of design to 100% and overall construction management services. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, November 14, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 25 points;
- 2. CM experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – 25 points;
- 3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
- 4. Experience with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance and preparation of documentation including environmental assessments, environmental impact statements and categorical exclusions – 15 points;
- 5. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 10 points; and
- 6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, NOVEMBER 21, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 23, 2014

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- c) to reject any and all bids.

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DATED this 13th day of October 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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With citizenship comes rights and responsibilities

To most Americans, it may seem obvious that someone permanently residing in the United States should be able—and should desire—to become a U.S. citizen. Yet in the debate over legalizing about 11 million immigrants living in this country without authorization, many advocates of bringing these residents “out of the shadows” stop short of advocating an expedited path to citizenship.

Nor did President Barack Obama’s 2012 decision to defer the deportation of so-called Dreamers—young people brought here illegally as young children by their parents—grant them citizenship, despite the fact that Obama characterized the Dreamers as “Americans in their heart, in their minds, in every single way but one: on paper.” Citizenship is also unlikely to be the primary objective of additional executive action by Obama to protect millions of other immigrants from deportation.

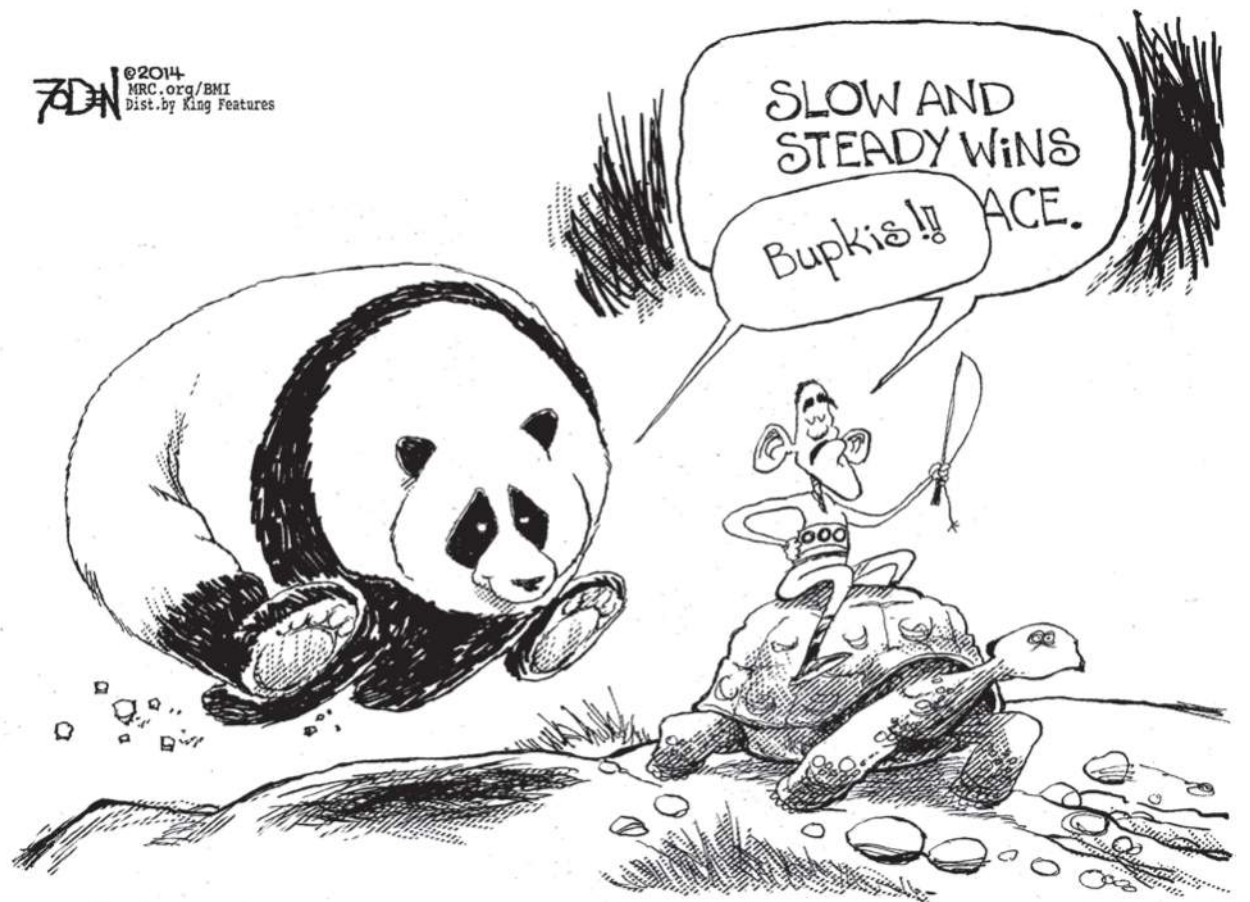
Perhaps more surprising is that many legal immigrants to the U.S.—lawful permanent residents, or “green-card” holders—choose to not apply for citizenship after the requisite waiting period. Reasons include the costs of applying, a reluctance to renounce their allegiance to their country of birth (although in practice, U.S. citizens are allowed to maintain dual citizenship) and a lack of interest in voting.

Some people think this state of affairs is just fine. They argue that the importance of citizenship is overemphasized, especially in an era of globalization. They note that one needn’t be a citizen to work in this country or to receive the protections of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees due process and equal protection of the laws to “persons” regardless of their nationality. And while it’s true that noncitizens are unable to vote in most elections, the reality is that many are happy to live here without voting; indeed, many citizens also choose not to exercise the franchise.

There are also people who oppose on moral grounds an expedited or “special” path to citizenship for immigrants who are in the country illegally. It’s unfair, they say, to those who have “waited in line” to immigrate to the U.S. legally to afford any advantage to others who entered or remained illegally. (Actually, there are many “lines” of would-be immigrants from various countries, comprising an estimated 4 million people.) And then there are those who argue in favor of legalization without citizenship on pragmatic grounds, as the only way to win the support of Republicans in Congress for any form of what they long have derided as “amnesty.”

We disagree with these arguments. We don’t accept the notion that citizenship is a matter of indifference or of political calculation, or a status that should be withheld from millions of people who have become an integral part of the fabric of the American economy and culture. That some U.S. citizens don’t value their right to elect their leaders is no reason to treat political participation as a marginal or optional activity. Citizens should feel obliged to vote, and noncitizens who make their lives in the United States should be encouraged to acquire citizenship so that they may join with their neighbors in the democratic experiment. And although the Constitution may promise equal justice to citizen and noncitizen alike, the existence of

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CHINA PASSES THE U.S. AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMY.

The rule of law

Laws are not always moral. Slavery was a U.S. law. Laws are sometimes unjust and unfair. The U.S. Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 banned Chinese immigration 20 years after their labor hugely contributed to the completion of the railroad connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific. The divine right of kings and the mandate of heaven are not verifiable so providential decrees are clearly in decline; philosophers’ natural law has been negated by the randomness of the natural order in science; chaos prevails over order.

Neocons used the rule of law to put down civil disobedience in my youth. Laws that hindered the civilizing process were disobeyed. “Separate but equal” provisos that kept racial divisions in the U.S. separate and unequal were violated. It was willful to disobey but one took the consequences with open eyes, nary a whine over other’s unfairness!

Let’s get a historical feel of the “rule of law.” Hammurabi’s Code of Babylon in 1760 BC presented a basis for judging how a ruler acted. Jews took the Mosaic Torah and did what was thought to be The Way Life Is (YHWH); Christianity trailed Jesus’ sayings in the Sermon on the Mount until the movement deteriorated into a set of beliefs; and Islam regards the supremacy of Sharia law. Confucius held royal authority to account before people’s wishes, and the Magna Carta was seminal in establishing the independent role of judicial review in Anglo-America.

Socialist “rule of law” with Chinese characteristics is now the yardstick on China’s actions, an earnest exhortation of Beijing to the 80-million-some Communist Party members in China. It is severely tested in SAR’s dealings with the Occupy Central civil disobedience in Hong Kong.

When China went into “going by the books” to ensure the rule of law, I was an early casualty. My university followed the letter of the law and “no foreign teacher over 65 years of age” (60 for local teachers) was granted a working visa. The Foreign Office refused SAU’s druthers.

Xi Jin Ping roots out corruption among the powerful that gained from the “reform and opening up” of Deng Xiaoping. He goes by the book, lucid that the Confucian basis of governance is fair and just, even with the coercive governmental pressure to the wards and minions of those in the CPC occupying choice positions.

The four-day CPC’s central committee meeting on Oct. 20-23 made the “rule of law” central to its deliberations, particularly the transparency of a judiciary perceived by the local population as untrustworthy, subject to coercive power, or easy to corrupt by unscrupulous occupants. A communique was issued. CPC wants to upgrade the system in the next five years. The rule of law is meant to roll.

Australia, America, and Canada previously harbored illicit wealth gained in China. A UN treaty on anti-corruption in 2006

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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(political asylum not included) gives recourse to legally extradite those accused of crimes. The legal reach even on retired former highly placed figures that amassed questionable wealth or abused power during their watch (so far, 53 senior officers among more than 700 CPC members have been sacked) restores integrity to a system that aims to strengthen its checks-and-balances.

U.S. conservatives accuse Obama of flaunting the rule of law when the White House sees it as the only means to move decisively to implement a law after determining that clear legislative support is absent. In a country long known for the rule of law, this is ironic. Rule of law simply means that no one—king or caliph, minister or judge, queen or president—is above the law. Detractors regard Obama procedural manners as ruling like a king!

There is not much debate about the rule of law, with LAW as the main focus, since even the dictatorship of DPRK’s Kim Jong-Un goes by rules, and Shinzo Abe aims to change those of Japan so he can proceed as he and his party desires; it is on the “rule” of law, the application of rules by humans that entails various methods.

The rule of law redounds to the flipside of the same coin, the rule by law. It takes humans to promulgate, legislate, interpret and implement the law, even adjudicate differences, and supervise implementers when needed. The dichotomy between rule of law and rule by law as contradictory is false; it considers “law” objectifiable without the human factor. Justices and judges of various courts deliberate precisely because law does not lend itself automatically to only one interpretation. Human judgment is necessary.

The rule of law in China is set against what it calls its Dream. First, it involves all the people, the democratic impulse. Second, it negates existing dichotomies like urban v. countryside; affirms equality against a backdrop of two-millennium of dynastic elitism. Third, it achieves an acknowledged win-win situation, shuns competition in favor of cooperation.

It is the content of the law that humans have to decide and follow, where the rule of law and rule by law finally counts.

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How big a nuclear arsenal do we really need?

If President Obama wants to use his last two years to further his agenda, here's something he could do that would advance the cause of global security and save the country money: suspend plans to develop a new arsenal of American nuclear weapons.

Obama started his presidency with a sharp focus on reducing the world nuclear threat, and he had considerable initial success. As columnist Jim Hoagland wrote in 2010, "President Obama has turned the once utopian-sounding idea of global nuclear disarmament into a useful tool for U.S. foreign policy."

But by 2011, his plans to secure all nuclear materials from terrorists, stop new nuclear states and shrink global arsenals had slowed to a crawl. While his promised policies to reduce the role and numbers of nuclear weapons lagged, the Pentagon and Congress raced ahead with plans to buy a whole new generation of nuclear-armed submarines, bombers and missiles. Over the next few years, government actions could lock in spending on these new weapons programs for the next 50 years.

Unless something is done soon, we will lay out as much as a trillion dollars over the next few decades to replace our obsolete Cold War nuclear arsenal. We will buy thousands of new hydrogen bombs and mount them on hundreds of new missiles and planes. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that over the next 10 years alone, the government will lay out \$570 billion for new nuclear weapons and related programs such as missile defense.

Proponents claim the spending is necessary to assure the nation's security. But history shows that buildups like this trigger new arms

races, inspiring other nations to match or exceed our capabilities.

Already, the Pentagon has submitted its wish list for the next budget to the president, and in coming weeks Obama will finalize the budget and submit it to Congress. This will be his "legacy" budget, as one senior defense official said. It will be his last big chance to change the country's approach to nuclear spending.

The president should submit a budget to Congress that suspends spending on new nuclear weapon programs. Congress will object, of course, but that will prompt a long-overdue public conversation on nuclear policy.

In the absence of such a discussion, we risk unnecessary spending on an arsenal. We are, for example, about to commit to spending \$350 billion to develop, produce and deploy a new fleet of 12 nuclear-armed submarines. But we have not yet determined whether we will need all—or any—of the 1,000 hydrogen bombs they will carry. And have we considered how other nations, including China, will react to the new subs?

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus made the case to Congress this month for additional funding to build the submarine fleet, saying that without extra money, the new subs would "gut the rest of our shipbuilding program." In making his case, he also noted that "we've got to have this debate now" over the cost of the nuclear triad. I agree with that part of his testimony wholeheartedly.

The Pentagon budget is about to be cut by tens of billions of dollars a year, as part of the fallout from the congressional budget collapse and the resulting sequester. This will begin to force choices.

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Los Angeles Times

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But contracts to update the nuclear arsenal have a head start, and unless we have a full discussion now, unnecessary programs may be locked in before the budget crunch fully hits.

Instead of blindly moving ahead with building submarines and other expensive nuclear paraphernalia, let's determine our actual needs. Let's fully examine whether modifying existing submarine designs might suffice. And while we're at it, let's talk about a range of other expensive nuclear weaponry on the drawing boards, including a new nuclear-armed penetrating bomber and a new standoff nuclear cruise missile.

Last year, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) weighed in on the issue, asserting that the nation's "nuclear forces are larger than needed for current military missions." And she offered sensible advice: "It is time to think creatively about how to maintain a much smaller nuclear deterrent at an affordable cost."

Who could disagree with that?

Rome's synod on the family only the beginning

The Vatican's "extraordinary synod of bishops" concluded Sunday with the beatification of Pope Paul VI, an interim step on the road to sainthood.

But those who were disappointed that this wasn't the "extraordinary" ending to a momentous meeting misunderstand what the synod was meant to accomplish.

When clergymen and laypeople gathered in Rome in early October to begin discussing the challenges of marriage and family in modern times, hopes were high, particularly among progressive Catholics, that the synod would conclude with a dramatic shift in church doctrine.

Headlines after the release of the gathering's interim report, the *Relatio post disceptationem*, further fueled such expectations.

"A bombshell document at the Vatican synod," heralded one article in the *The New Yorker*. Other analysts said the document signified an "earthquake" in church teaching.

A substantial amount of ink was devoted to only one of the report's 58 sections, the one titled "Welcoming homosexual persons," although this was but one of dozens of delicate issues addressed during the two-week meeting.

While significant disagreement between conservative and liberal Catholics over the actual meaning of the draft document quickly ensued, careful readers of the report—which, it should be noted, is not an authoritative document of the church but "proposed reflections, the fruit of synodal discussion which took place in great freedom and a spirit of reciprocal listening"—stated correctly that most of its mainstream interpretations were aspirational, if not wildly overblown.

"Much of what has been hailed as a great discovery in this docu-

ment is in fact not a discovery at all, but a truth so plain and old that it seems odd to call it revolutionary," Michael Brendan Dougherty wrote in *The Week*.

Despite the consternation it caused, the report largely reaffirms what have long been the teachings of a faith built on love and mercy—that all individuals, no matter their state in life, are welcome to enter into a full life with Christ.

After the initial media frenzy, it became abundantly clear that the report, even before its revision, in no way modified church doctrine. That doesn't mean it hasn't caused confusion.

The Rev. Dwight Longenecker illustrated how much the muddled reporting on the synod has puzzled some parishioners. "One woman married outside the church and told me that she thought it was now OK for her to come to Communion because 'The pope has changed all those old rules.' Another man has divorced his wife and is living with another woman. He also assured me very confidently that it was now fine for him to come to Communion because 'Pope Francis has changed the rules.'"

But rule-changing was never in the cards for this synod, as Hungarian Cardinal Peter Erdo, the synod's "relator," clearly stated at its outset.

Indeed, the synod was always intended to be about tone—a hallmark of Pope Francis' papacy. And in that regard, it did not disappoint. The church was right to engage these difficult issues with an openness and empathy that has sometimes evaded even the most well-intentioned clergy.

But as Longenecker explains, accepting and applying Francis'

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pastoral message is possible only "if the timeless truths of the Catholic faith are firmly defined and defended. ... Compassion without content is mere sentimentality. Mercy without truth is an empty gesture. Kindness without correction is cowardly."

How the church presents the faith is changeable, but the faith itself is immovable.

Still, it's important to note that the synod was only the beginning of the church's deep exploration of the manifold challenges faced by Catholics caught between religious devotion and the temptations of an often more appealing secular world.

As Francis said at the synod's conclusion, "We still have one year to mature, with true spiritual discernment, the proposed ideas and to find concrete solutions to so many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families must confront."

That task will warrant more reflection but is certainly worthy of taking on.

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a large and enduring population of noncitizens undermines social cohesion and encourages prejudice and second-class treatment.

Citizenship is important not only because of the rights it confers but also because it comes with responsibilities. The premise of a representative democracy is that people are not only economic actors but also members of a self-governing commonwealth. That vision is impossible to achieve so long as large numbers of permanent residents do not seek naturalization. As of 2011, an estimated 3.4 million lawful permanent residents lived in California, 2.48 million of whom were eligible for naturalization. More needs to be done to encourage these green-card holders to become citizens.

As for immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, it is not enough to protect them from deportation or make it possible for them to work legally. If these men, women and children are to remain here—and the idea that most of them will "self-deport" remains a fantasy—

they should be fully integrated into the civic as well as the economic life of this country. That means voting, serving on juries and being able to aspire to public office.

Last year, the Senate passed a comprehensive immigration reform bill that seeks to accomplish several objectives, including securing the border in the future and shifting the emphasis in legal immigration from family unification to a preference for applicants with valuable skills. But its most important—and most controversial—feature is a path to citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally.

Even if the House someday comes to its senses and passes the bill, the path to legalization it proposes is a needlessly long and tortuous one. Immigrants who have lived in the country since Dec. 31, 2011, could apply for registered provisional immigrant status if they pass a criminal background check, pay assessed taxes and also pay application fees and a \$1,000 penalty. After 10 years, a registered provisional immigrant could obtain permanent resident status—but only after the government processed other applications for green cards that predated the law. After three years as a permanent resi-

dent, the immigrant could apply for U.S. citizenship.

The Senate bill provides a separate path for some agricultural workers, who would be eligible for a "blue card" and would be able to obtain permanent resident status five years after enactment of the bill and citizenship five years after that. (It also would allow temporary workers in the future to accumulate "points" that could be used to obtain permanent status and then citizenship.)


We would prefer a much more streamlined route to citizenship, but we recognize the political difficulties that confronted the authors of the Senate bill and that have prevented it from receiving a vote in the House. It is important, however, that the Senate bill recognized that mere legalization is not enough.

Citizenship is not, as Obama unfortunately implied, just a piece of paper. It is a source of empowerment and an investment in good government. Legalization is the beginning. Citizenship is the ultimate goal.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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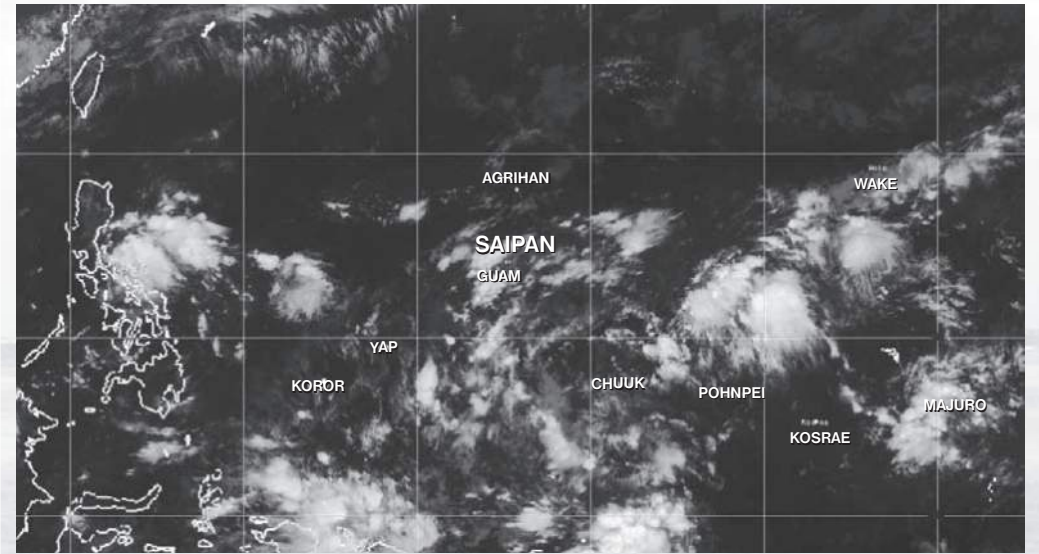


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PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line stretches southwestward through 20N180 passing south of Wake Island and over the Marianas near Rota to end near 12N142E. Clouds, patchy rain and a few thunderstorms are present south of Wake Island along and up to 200 miles north of the shear line. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen over the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 13N141E to 15N150E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Palau south of a line from 4N130E to 4N134E to 2N140E east of Yap within 150 miles of a line from 6N141E to 10N145E and south of Chuuk south of a line from 2N144E to 1N155E. A weak circulation is centered south of Weno at 5N152E. A surface trough extends northeast from the circulation to 14N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along the trough within 200 miles of a line from 10N153E to 13N163E. Another surface trough extends northeast from 3N167E to 8N169E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen just west of Majuro between 2N and 8N from 166E to 171E. A third surface trough curves northeast from 1N177E through the date line at 3N. Scattered showers are present east of Majuro east of a line from 8N177E to 2N177E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲65	▼58
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼40
Hong Kong	Windy	▲81	▼74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼49
Miami	Partly CLOUDy	▲82	▼75
New York	Sunny	▲64	▼52
Osaka	Sunny	▲64	▼46
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼46
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼51
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼50
Salem	Rain	▲58	▼46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲63	▼37
Tokyo	Sunny	▲75	▼53
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲70	▼45

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
11:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:02 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
10:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:11 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	6:12 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:53 AM	8:37 PM
Tuesday	9:49 AM	9:32 PM
Wednesday	10:44 AM	10:29 PM
Thursday	11:38 AM	11:28 PM
Friday	12:29 PM	

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7		
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7		
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota		
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4			UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5		
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5		
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7			UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7		
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily			DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily		
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1			7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7		
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily		
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7			7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6		
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily			OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6			OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7			MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6		
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5			MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN		
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN			PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via GUM		
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM		
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM			DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT		
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM		
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT			OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
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UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM		
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM			UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota		
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1 via GUM		
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM			UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM			UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota		
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	5 via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN		
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN			OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN		
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM			OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM			OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM		
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM			UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM		
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN								



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-15-001

Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (ChST) to be considered.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST).**

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianaslabor.net/>.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



INVITATION FOR BIDS

WATER TASK FORCE

IFB 15-GOV-004



Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking
- Construct Permanent and Temporary Erosion Control measures.
- Perform Earthwork and Site Utilities.
- Construction of 0.5 Million-Gallon Reservoir with Aluminum Dome Roof.
- Install Cathodic Protection.
- Install Control and Telemetry System.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Construction of Chain-Link Fence, six (6) feet and four (4) feet high.
- Installation of Chain-Link Personnel Access Gate and Chain-Link Vehicle Access Gate.
- Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after October 27, 2014 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 7, 2014, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 6, 2014.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB15-GOV-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 26, 2014, and must be received no later than December 9, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, December 9, 2014. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on November 26, 2014.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Governor and Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP 15-GOV-010



Archeological Services For Water Task Force Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Professional Services for Archeological Services for the Water Task Force for its Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project. This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce with matching funds provided by Public Law 17-90.

The proposal package will be available on or after **October 27, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, November 7, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 70.30.3). Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Archeological Services", RFP 15-GOV-010**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, November 25, 2014 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/S/ Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP14-GOV-150



Legal Services For Water Task Force (Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Governor's Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **September 29, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM October 10, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMAIC 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Legal Services" RFP14-GOV-150**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00pm, October 29, 2014 (CNMI Local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

'Pinktober' a resounding success

» CCA hosts sold out crowd at Hard Rock Cafe

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Violeta Lapuz was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009. After first hearing about her diagnosis, she said she was nervous and fearful.

"I thought I was only going to have a few more years to live," the long-time Saipan resident said. "The feeling of worry was overwhelming for me and my three kids."

A year after being diagnosed she and her husband flew to the Philippines, where she underwent surgery and chemotherapy for three years. After returning to Saipan and awaiting her next check-up, Lapuz lives to tell her story and struggles as she battles breast cancer.

"I am grateful to be here to share my talent and story with others," she said.

Lapuz joined hundreds of other community members Fri-

day night at the Commonwealth Cancer Association's 15th annual signature "Pinktober" fundraising event held at Hard Rock Cafe in Garapan.

The event, held in commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, raises funds for cancer research.

Lapuz, among other entertainers of the night, shared her talent at the event and performed a song with her husband, Walden Beri.

According to CCA president Lauri Ogumoro, this is Hard Rock International's 15th year to support cancer research through hosting the event with the Commonwealth Cancer Association and assisting the non-profit organization in procuring funds to fight the disease.

"It is a great partnership that we have with Hard Rock and we look forward to doing it every year. It is a fun event and it reminds everyone in the community along with the families about the fight against breast cancer," she said. "It is a good cause and is really at the heart



THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Commonwealth Cancer Association volunteers and members pose for a photo with Hard Rock Cafe staff during the Pinktober event last Saturday night.

of what we do for community awareness."

The sold-out event featured artists Parker Yobei, Al Saures, and Saipan Southern High School's "Flow" band. A candlelight vigil also took place at

the end of the night in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer.

Another attendee, Amalina Evangelista, said her grandmother fell victim to breast cancer in 1997 and passed away.

"I am here to support the people fighting the fight," she said, adding that seeing the community's support of the association gives her hope that a cure will one day be discovered.

"I see every day that this

disease is a struggle for families and tonight is really for them," she said. "I hope to see people free from breast cancer and this event every year brings us closer to the light at the end of the tunnel."



THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Commonwealth Cancer Association member Pat Kaipat, president Lauri B. Ogumoro, and project manager Juan L. Babauta pose for a photo at Hard Rock cafe during the organization's signature Pinktober fundraiser.



THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Mount Carmel students Emiri Angela Iwai and Amalina Delamona Evangelista pose for a photo during last weekend's annual Pinktober event at Hard Rock Cafe in Garapan.



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Ed Propst and his wife, Daisy, support the Commonwealth Cancer Association last weekend during the Pinktober fundraiser.

◀ Jan Alcantara and Saipan Southern High School's "Flow" band end the night's entertainment with their rendition of *Valerie*.

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◀ Violeta Lapuz, a breast cancer survivor, performs a song number with her husband at the Pinktober at Hard Rock Cafe.

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▲ Saipan residents enjoy the night's local entertainment while waiting for raffle prizes to be drawn during the Pinktober event at Hard Rock Cafe in Garapan.

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FHB reports Q3 net income of \$55.8M, a 9.6-percent gain

» Bank achieves new record levels in loans, deposits and assets

HAGĀTŃA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii's largest and oldest bank, announced Friday net income of \$55.8 million for the three months ending Sept. 30, 2014, an increase of 9.6 percent over the third quarter of 2013. Net income for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 2014, was \$164.9 million, up 6.1 percent over the comparable period of 2013.

First Hawaiian grew its total assets to \$18.1 billion, an increase of 8.2 percent over 2013. The bank's loan and lease portfolio reached \$9.8 billion and deposits achieved \$14.7 billion for the third quarter of 2014.

The announcement was made by Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman, president and CEO.

"First Hawaiian Bank's third quarter 2014 was exceptionally strong for us with steady and consistent loan growth across all sectors and double-digit gains in our core deposits from both consumer and business,"

said Harrison. "Our bankers have built solid relationships in the community and this has allowed us to assist our customers as the economy grows."

Compared to the previous year, for the first nine months ending Sept. 30, 2014, First Hawaiian achieved the following:

■ Total assets reached a record \$18.1 billion, up 8.2 percent.

■ Total loans and leases were a record \$9.8 billion, up 5.1 percent.

■ Total deposits achieved a

record \$14.7 billion, an increase of 11.9 percent.

■ Nonperforming assets to total assets remained one of the lowest in the banking industry at 0.18 percent.

■ Efficiency ratio was 44.57 percent, making First Hawaiian the most productive bank in Hawaii and one of the most efficient in the nation.

■ During the third quarter 2014:

■ The bank contributed the first \$25,000 to establish the

Aloha for Puna Fund to assist Big Island residents in the Puna region with relief and recovery efforts following Storm Iselle. All 62 branch locations in Hawaii, Guam and the CNMI served as collection points with donations going directly to Hawaii Island United Way.

■ First Hawaiian Bank's third quarter Business Activity Report for Hawaii marked the 19th consecutive quarter of positive growth—overall 8.34 percent increase in debit and

credit "same store sales" over the comparable period of 2013 with Hotels at 14.81 percent grabbing the top spot among 16 economic sectors measured.

■ First Hawaiian unveiled a new visual identity through a redesigned logo and the launch of a new brand campaign with the slogan: "Be the One. It all starts with Yes."

■ The bank achieved another milestone when total assets reached \$18.1 billion for the first time in the bank's history.

■ The bank's 40th Annual Business Outlook Forums on Maui, Hawaii and Kauai presented economic forecasts for each county, the state and U.S. global economies and markets analysis.

First Hawaiian Bank (www.fhb.com) with \$18.1 billion in total assets was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution. (**FHB**)

Ministry of Education reviews Palau mathematics program



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From left to right, Division of School Management chief Raynold Mechol, Bureau of Curriculum & Instruction director Debbie Tkel-Sbal, Palau Community College president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Health & Science specialist Debbie R. Nagata, Minister of Education Sinton Soalabai, Division of Instructional Implementation & Teacher Training chief Janet Orrukem, and Education Administration director Andrew Tabelual.

In September, Palau Minister of Education Sinton Soalabai visited Palau Community College to review the mathematics program implemented by Dr. Shelly Louise Dole, an Australian Mathematics Education Development Advisor. He was accompanied by Education Administration director Andrew Tabelual, Bureau of Curriculum & Instruction director Debbie Tkel-Sbal, Division of School Management chief Raynold Mechol, Division of Instructional Implementation & Teacher Train-

ing chief Janet Orrukem, and Health & Science specialist Debbie R. Nagata.

A team from Australia also visited the campus to conduct their own evaluation of the program on Sept. 25, 2014.

Dole provided training on key educational outcomes of mathematical literacy for teachers in Palau. Training sessions explored hands-on mathematical learning experiences to promote the capacity and confidence of students in using mathematics in the world. Concepts covered included place value, fractions,

ratio, proportion and percentage, mental computation, measurement and geometry connections, statistical literacy, and algebraic thinking.

Several training sessions were hosted at different venues in Palau, including the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College. Each workshop was conducted under the instruction of Dole.

Dole is a volunteer from the Australian Volunteers International. Her position at Palau Community College is funded by the Australian Agency

for International Development and is aligned with the government of Australia's partnership agreement with the government of Palau.

The main objectives of her assignment were to improve the quality of mathematics teaching and learning at Palau's local schools and Ministry of Education; and, through Palau Community College, build the capacity for Palauan teachers to deliver the Singapore Mathematics curriculum in classrooms. (**PCC**)

BECQ Brigade sets Sugar Dock cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be at it again, picking up trash at Sugar Dock on Nov. 8, 2014, a Saturday, starting at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify our island, please meet the BECQ representatives on Nov. 8 at the Sugar Dock area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade t-shirt.

Last month's Makaka Beach cleanup was successful with 18 volunteers participating. Thanks to students from the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Kagman High School, United States Public Health Services, and other volunteers, over 350 lbs of trash was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

BECQ is looking forward to a repeat success on Saturday, so join BECQ's monthly cleanup brigade and "Pick It Up!" Let us work together for the health of our coral reefs and cleanliness of our beaches for everyone to enjoy.

For more information about volunteering, please contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. (**BECQ**)

UOG Lecture Series features Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar

» Bolivar to speak about 'Giving Back, Making a Difference'

MANGILAO, Guam—University of Guam President Dr. Robert A. Underwood invites the community to the 24th presentation of the Presidential Lecture Series featuring Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, U.S. Defense Representative to Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau.

The presentation will be held today, Oct. 27, at 5:30pm, at the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Lecture Hall at the University of Guam.

Bolivar will address the University of Guam community to share her life experiences and journey from becoming a Navy sailor to rising through the

ranks. She comes from a long line of military service and has applied her values of treating people right, upholding honesty, loyalty and teamwork which have made her successful throughout her career. She believes that when these morals are applied to any aspect of life, there is never room for failure.

About Bolivar

Bolivar was born in Honolulu. She is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where she received a bachelor of science degree in Oceanography. She holds a master of science in Management from Troy State University. She has served as the commanding officer of USS *Salvor* and of Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and Navy Munitions Command East Di-

vision. She served as the chief of staff for Commander Navy Installations Command and most recently as commander, Navy Region Northwest. Bolivar assumed command of Joint Region Marianas August 2014.

She has been recognized as a Chief of Naval Operations' Pacific Fleet Finalist for the Vice Adm. James Stockdale Leadership Award. She was also inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. (**UOG**)

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar is commander of Joint Region Marianas, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, and U.S. Defense Representative to Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau.

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Business

Foreign travelers spending more on United States trips

By HUGO MARTIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

International travelers have spent \$150 billion visiting the U.S. in the first eight months of the year, a 5 percent increase over the same period last year, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported Friday.

Meanwhile, Americans who traveled abroad in that same period spent \$96.4 billion, creating a trade surplus of more than \$53 billion, the federal

agency reported.

Spending by foreign travelers has been a boon to Los Angeles, Miami and New York, the top three ports of entry for international visitors so far this year, federal statistics show.

China continues to be the country with the biggest growth in visitors to the U.S. along with Mexico, France and Colombia, according to an earlier report by the Department of Commerce.

Businesses in Southern Cali-

fornia are taking advantage of the surge in spending from China.

The upscale shopping mall launched a tour bus service for international shoppers this year and most of the mall stores now accept UnionPay, the bank card of China.

"Innovation is the driving force behind our multiprong, multiphase Chinese tourism strategy," said Susan Vance, the mall's marketing and sponsorship director.

United to add more Pacific routes

CHICAGO—United Airlines announced plans Friday to expand its Pacific footprint next week by adding four new routes.

Chicago-based United said it will begin nonstop service six days a week between Los Ange-

les and Melbourne, Australia, using Boeing's 787-9 Dreamliner. United is the launch customer in North America for the 787-9, and the Melbourne trip will be its first international use of the aircraft.

United said it also will begin

daily flights between San Francisco and Tokyo's Haneda Airport, and will begin daily service between Guam and Seoul, South Korea, and twice-weekly service between Guam and Shanghai. *(Chicago Tribune)*

US stock market has best week in nearly 2 years

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market closed out its best week in nearly two years on a positive note Friday, helped by strong quarterly earnings from Microsoft and other big U.S. companies.

After weeks of speculation over the fate of Europe's economy, Ebola fears and plunging oil prices, investors were able to get back to basics. Wall Street is in the midst of one of the busiest times of the year, when companies report their quarterly results. Ultimately what drives stock prices higher is the potential for a company to earn more, so higher profits generally mean higher stock prices.

"What matters most to the market are earnings expectations and corporate fundamentals, and so far they're looking pretty good," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

Profits for S&P 500 companies are up 5.6 percent from a year ago this earnings season, according to FactSet. That growth is better than the 4.6 percent increase the market was expecting.

Quarterly results from Microsoft and UPS helped lift stocks Friday, but there have been other strong reports this week. Caterpillar, 3M, Apple and others have all come in well above expectations.

Microsoft's sales and profits were well above analysts' expectations. Cloud services, a business the company has focused on, also grew. Microsoft rose \$1.11, or 2.5 percent, to \$46.13.

UPS also reported strong results and expects December shipments to rise 11 percent from a year ago. Many investors consider UPS a bellwether for how the U.S. economy is doing,

particularly during the crucial holiday shopping season. UPS rose 11 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$100.59.

Investors were able to set aside dismal third-quarter results from Amazon. The online retailer's stock took a beating, but that wasn't enough to drag down the rest of the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 127.51 points, or 0.8 percent, to 16,805.41. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 13.76 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,964.58 and the Nasdaq composite rose 30.92 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,483.72.

The S&P 500 rose 4.1 percent for the week, its biggest gain since January 2013. But volatility can go both ways. Just as the market jumped sharply this week, it plunged just as sharply last week. The index is still down 0.4 percent for October.



Specialist John Urbanowicz, left, and trader Ryan Falvey work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014.

Nation

Nurse criticizes Ebola quarantine

NEW YORK (AP)—The nurse who was quarantined at a New Jersey hospital because she had contact with Ebola patients in West Africa criticized the way her case has been handled, raising concerns from humanitarian and human rights groups over unclear policies for the newly launched quarantine program.

Kaci Hickox, the first traveler quarantined under Ebola watches in New Jersey and New York, wrote the first-person account for the Dallas Morning News, which was posted on the paper's website Saturday. Her preliminary tests for Ebola came back negative.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Friday imposed a mandatory quarantine of 21 days—the incu-

bation period of the deadly virus—on travelers who have had contact with Ebola patients in the countries ravaged by Ebola—Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. A similar measure was announced in Illinois, where officials say such travelers could be quarantined at home.

The hazy details of how such quarantines will be handled are drawing sharp criticism as infectious disease experts say enforcement logistics are up in the air. Health officials in all three states with quarantine policies did not return messages from The Associated Press seeking details about enforcement.

Cuomo on Saturday acknowledged that the policy might be hard to enforce, according to the New York Daily News.

The governor said officials had never considered whether people refusing to go along with the order could face prosecution or arrest, adding "It's nothing that we've discussed, no," the newspaper said.

In her essay, Hickox described being stopped at Newark Liberty International and questioned over several hours after touching down Friday. She said none of those who questioned her would explain what was going on or what would happen to her.

Hickox is a nurse who had been working with Doctors Without Borders in Sierra Leone. Officials said she was taken to a hospital after developing a fever, but Hickox said she was merely flushed because she was upset by the process.

Suspect in killing of deputies was twice deported

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A man suspected of killing two deputies during a shooting rampage in Northern California was deported twice to Mexico and had a drug conviction, federal authorities said Saturday.

The suspected shooter told Sacramento County Sheriff's investigators that he was 34-year-old Marcelo Marquez of Salt Lake City. However, his fingerprints match the biometric records of a Luis Enrique Monroy-Bracamonte in a federal database, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Virginia Kice said.

Monroy-Bracamonte was first removed from the country in 1997 after being convicted in Arizona for possession of narcotics for sale. Monroy-Bracamonte was arrested and repatriated to Mexico a second

time in 2001, Kice said.

"The fingerprints were the basis for our request for an immigration detainer," she said.

The detainer requests that local authorities turn him over to federal custody after his case is adjudicated so ICE can pursue his deportation, Kice said.

The suspect was being held without bail on suspicion of two counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder and two counts of carjacking.

His wife, 38-year-old Janelle Marquez Monroy, was also in custody on suspicion of attempted murder and carjacking after the attack on Friday that left two deputies dead and two other victims wounded.

Investigators spent Saturday at the multiple crime scenes "trying to kind of sort through the chaos so we can methodically rebuild this," Placer

County Sheriff Ed Bonner said.

The two suspects were questioned for hours as authorities sought a motive for the shootings that began when Sacramento County sheriff's Deputy Danny Oliver, 47, was shot in the forehead with an assault rifle at close range as he checked out a suspicious car in a motel parking lot.

The suspects have talked to investigators, Bonner said, but what sparked the shootings remained unclear.

"Why, I guess, will remain a question for a long time," he said. "Why was his reaction so violent?"

It was also unclear what brought the heavily armed suspects from Utah to California, Bonner said. There were no indications they had been sought by authorities.

No attorneys were listed for either suspect in jail records.

Teacher tried to stop Washington state shooting

TULALIP, Wash. (AP)—A newly hired teacher confronted a gunman and was being hailed as a hero on Saturday after a deadly shooting rampage in the cafeteria of a Washington state high school.

First-year social studies teacher Megan Silberberger intervened in the attack Friday at Marysville-Pilchuck High School, teachers union president Randy Davis said.

The teacher intercepted the gunman as he paused, possibly to reload, student Erick Cervantes told KIRO-TV.

"I'm completely amazed by her actions and I feel for her," Davis told The Associated Press. "I don't know why she was in the cafeteria but I'm just grateful she was there."

The attacker killed one girl on Friday and seriously wounded four others—including two of his cousins—before he died of what police said was a self-inflicted wound.

However, it wasn't clear if the shooter committed suicide or if he accidentally shot himself in the struggle with the teacher.

A school resource officer also ran to the scene, Davis said.

The shooter was Jaylen Fryberg, a popular freshman at the school, a government official with direct knowledge of the shooting told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Students and parents said

Fryberg was a member of a prominent family from the nearby Tulalip Indian tribes and a freshman who played on the high school football team. He was introduced at a football game as a prince in the 2014 Homecoming court.

Fryberg left months of troubling messages on social media, and friends said he'd recently been in a fight over a girl. One of his tweets said, "It breaks me ... It actually does ..."

The tight-knit Native American community on scenic Puget Sound struggled to cope with the tragedy.

Davis said he had spoken briefly with Silberberger, who was traumatized. The Marysville School District released a statement from her.

Asia

Poor health systems in Asia is a cause for Ebola alarm

SINGAPORE (AP)—The longer the Ebola outbreak rages in West Africa, the greater chance a traveler infected with the virus touches down in an Asian city.

How quickly any case is detected—and the measures taken once it is—will determine whether the virus takes hold in a region where billions live in poverty and public health systems are often very weak. Governments are ramping up response plans, stepping up surveillance at airports and considering quarantine measures. Still, health experts in the region's less developed countries fear any outbreak would be deadly and hard to contain.

"This is a non-treatable disease with a very high mortality rate. And even a country like the United States has not been able to completely prevent it," said Yatin Mehta, a critical care specialist at the Medanta Medicity hospital near New Delhi. "The government is trying. They are preparing and they are training, but our record of disaster management has been very poor in the past."

More than 10,000 people have been infected with Ebola and nearly half of them have died, according to the World Health Organization. The Ebola epidemic in West Africa is the largest ever outbreak of the disease with a rapidly rising death toll in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. There have also been cases in three other West African countries, Spain and the United States.

Early symptoms of Ebola



In this Oct. 23, 2014 photo, medical workers wearing protective suits, handle a protective stretcher as they conduct a training exercise on dealing with suspected Ebola cases at a hospital in Guangzhou in south China's Guangdong province.

include fever, headache, body aches, cough, stomach pain, vomiting, and diarrhea, and patients aren't contagious until those begin. The virus requires close contact with body fluids to spread so health care workers and family members caring for loved ones are most at risk.

Asia, home to 60 percent of the world's population, scores higher than West Africa on most development indexes and includes emerging or developed countries like Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and Japan. But countries like India, China, the Philippines and Indonesia have vast numbers of poor, many of whom live in crowded slums, and underfunded health systems.

The Philippine government estimates there are up to 1,700 Filipino workers in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, plus

more than 100 peacekeeping troops in Liberia. The Department of Health is suggesting a 21-day quarantine period before its citizens leave those three countries, but doesn't know how it will pay for that, said spokesman Lyndon Lee Suy.

"The DOH is doing its part, but it is downstream, it is on the receiving end," said Dr. Antony Leachon, president of the Philippine College of Physicians. "What is important is that Ebola shouldn't be able to enter. Since we have 10 million migrant workers, we have problems containing that."

Indonesia has put 100 hospitals that have experience of treating patients suffering from bird flu on standby for Ebola, said Tjandra Yoga Aditama, head of the Health Ministry's research and development board.

protected coral reef last year, an official said Friday. Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario told a legislative hearing that the U.S. had agreed to pay the compensation. The minesweeper USS *Guardian* ran aground in the Tubbataha National Marine Park in January last year and was removed two months later after being dismantled and lifted piece by piece by a crane to prevent more damage to the reef. The reef has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Nepal bus crash kills 14, injures dozens

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A Nepal bus packed with people, including Israeli tourists and locals heading home for a Hindu festival, veered off a mountain highway, killing 14 and injuring dozens, police said Saturday. Among those killed Friday were two Israelis, including a woman who was part of a group heading to the Langtang trekking area. Israeli media reported four other Israelis were

among the dozens of injured, 20 of whom remained in hospitals. The bus was carrying nearly 100 people, most of them Nepalese who were heading home to celebrate the Diwali festival with their families. It drove about 100 meters (330 feet) off the road down a steep slope.

Number of Rohingya fleeing Myanmar tops 100,000

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—A growing sense of desperation is fueling a mass exodus of Rohingya Muslims from western Myanmar, with the number who have fled by boat since communal violence broke out two years ago now topping 100,000, a leading expert said Saturday. Chris Lewa, director of the nonprofit advocacy group Arakan Project, said there has been a huge surge since Oct. 15, with an average of 900 people per day piling into cargo ships parked off Rakhine state. That's nearly 10,000 in less than two weeks, she noted, one of the biggest spikes yet.

World

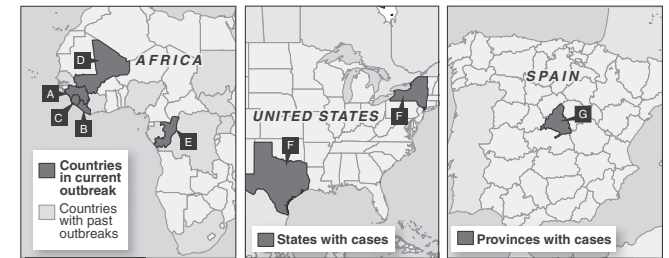
WHO says number of Ebola-linked cases passes 10K mark

Ebola report

NUMBER OF EBOLA CASES AND DEATHS as of Oct. 24

Country / State / Province	Probable/suspected	Confirmed	Total of confirmed and probable/suspected
A Guinea	Cases 251 Deaths 194	1,289 710	904 deaths 1,540 cases
B Liberia	Cases 3,700 Deaths 1,464	965 1,241	2,705 deaths 4,665 cases
C Sierra Leone	Cases 483 Deaths 273	3,223 986	1,259 deaths 3,706 cases
D Mali	Cases 0 Deaths 0	1 0	49 deaths 66 cases
E Congo	Cases 28 Deaths *	38 *	1 death 4 cases
F U.S.	Cases 0 Deaths 0	4 1	1 death 4 cases
G Spain	Cases 0 Deaths 0	1 0	1 case

* Exact data not available at this time



Graphic: Staff
Source: World Health Organization, Reuters

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from Guinea.

Mali had long been considered highly vulnerable to the disease, since it shares a border with Guinea. The disease arrived there in a 2-year-old, who traveled from Guinea with her grandmother by bus and died Friday.

The toddler, who was bleeding from her nose during the journey, may have had high-risk contact with many people, the World Health Organization warned. So far, 43 people are being monitored in isolation for signs of the disease, and WHO said Saturday that authorities are continuing to look for more

people at risk.

To help fight Ebola, the U.N. humanitarian flight service airlifted about 1 ton of medical supplies to Mali late Friday. The seats of the plane were removed to make room for the cargo, which included hazard suits for health workers, surgical gloves, face shields and buckets, according to the World Food Program, which runs the flights.

The spread of Ebola to Mali has highlighted how easily the virus can jump borders, and Malian border police said that neighboring Mauritania closed its border with Mali.

Canada's PM says shooting rampage was terrorism

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)—A masked gunman killed a soldier standing guard at Canada's war memorial Wednesday, then stormed Parliament in an attack that was stopped cold when he was shot to death by the ceremonial sergeant-at-arms. Canada's prime minister called it the country's second terrorist attack in three days.

"We will not be intimidated. Canada will never be intimidated," Prime Minister Stephen Harper vowed in an address to the nation.

Unfolding just before 10 a.m., while lawmakers were meeting in caucus rooms, the assault rocked Parliament over and over with the boom of gunfire, led MPs to barricade doors with chairs and sent people streaming from the building in fear. Harper was addressing a caucus when the attack began outside the door, but he safely escaped.

Investigators offered little information about the gun-

man, identified as 32-year-old petty criminal Michael Zehaf-Bibeau. But Harper said: "In the days to come we will learn about the terrorist and any accomplices he may have had."

A government official told AP that Zehaf-Bibeau was a recent convert to Islam. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

Canada was already on alert because of a deadly hit-and-run assault Monday against two Canadian soldiers by a man Harper described as an "ISIL-inspired terrorist." ISIL, or Islamic State, has called for reprisals against Canada and other Western countries that have joined the U.S.-led air campaign against the extremist group in Iraq and Syria.

Witnesses said the soldier posted at the National War Memorial, identified as Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, was gunned down at point-blank range

by a man carrying a rifle and dressed all in black, his face half-covered with a scarf. The gunman appeared to raise his arms in triumph, then entered Parliament, a few hundred yards away, where dozens of shots soon rang out, according to witnesses.

People fled the complex by scrambling down scaffolding erected for renovations, while others took cover inside as police with rifles and body armor took up positions outside and cordoned off the normally bustling streets around Parliament.

On Twitter, Canada's justice minister and other government officials credited 58-year-old sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers with shooting the attacker just outside the MPs' caucus rooms. Vickers serves a largely ceremonial role at the House of Commons, carrying a scepter and wearing rich green robes, white gloves and a tall imperial hat.

ASIAN BRIEFS

16 killed in northwest China coal mine collapse

BEIJING (AP)—A coal mine shaft collapsed in northwestern China, killing 16 miners, an official said Saturday, highlighting the persistence of safety problems in the industry despite a leveling off of demand. Another 11 miners were injured in the disaster, which struck just before midnight Friday in Tiechanggou township outside the Xinjiang regional capital of Urumqi. Thirty-three miners were in the shaft when the accident occurred, six of whom were brought out by rescuers, said an official with the State Administration of Work Safety.

US to compensate Philippines for coral reef damage

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The United States will pay the Philippines 87 million pesos (\$1.9 million) for damage caused by a U.S. Navy minesweeper that ran aground on a

Focus

From job to job to job, a life lived—and lost

By ADAM GELLER
AP NATIONAL WRITER

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP)—The fumes, reeking of gasoline, poured from the white Kia SUV as soon as an emergency medical technician broke one of the rear windows. Inside, the body of a dark-haired young woman with a beauty mark on her left cheek reclined in the driver's seat, keys dangling from the ignition.

But who was she? How was it that her life had ended here, in the corner of a convenience store parking lot, less than a mile south of Newark Liberty International Airport's runways?

Waiting for the vapors to clear so they could search her belongings, police noted the most obvious clue: She was wearing a familiar white-and-brown uniform. By that night, co-workers and friends had identified her as Maria Leonor Fernandes, 32 years old and single, who worked minimum wage jobs at three nearby Dunkin' Donuts shops—often grabbing an hour or two of sleep in her car between shifts.

Within days, Fernandes was being mourned as a tragic hero-



In this Sept. 5, 2014 photo, friends and family leave flowers on the casket during a funeral service for Maria Fernandes, 32, in Linden, N.J.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

*Rosario Saimon
Arriola Camacho*
Lovingly known as "Charu"

Wife of the Late Albert
"Bobbing" Sablan Camacho

was called to her Eternal Rest on
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
In San Mateo, California.

Daily Mass is being offered
at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church.
Nightly Rosary for the soul of our
Dearest Charu is being said at
7:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral information will be
announced at a later date.

Your thoughts, prayers, and
support are heartedly
appreciated by her Children,
Brothers and Sisters
and their families.

*Thank you,
Si Yu'us Ma'ase
and Olomwaay.*

ine, a victim of our times. Far beyond the Newark neighborhood where she rented a basement room with bath for \$550 a month, her death became fodder for online commentary. People speculated, mistakenly, that she had been living in the U.S. illegally, or had committed suicide. Mostly, they pointed to her as a casualty of modern economics that forced someone to work so hard for so little money.

"The death of Maria Fernandes demands a call to action," a leader of the AFSCME labor union wrote in an online editorial, days after her death.

By the time friends filed past the open casket in which Fernandes was laid out in a sequined, scarlet dress, some had had enough. There was more to her life, they said, than the way she lost it.

The Maria Fernandes they wanted to remember was kind, perhaps too generous, and loved to talk—so much so that a family she once lived with nicknamed her "Radio." Her adoration of Michael Jackson was so intense that when the singer died in 2009, she called her boss, sobbing, to tell him she needed time off to fly to California for the funeral—even though she knew he was vacationing in Turkey and the hour was growing late. Fernandes worked hard, she died tragically, but she was no martyr.

"Maria did not lose!" a friend, Rochelle Sylvestre, said in her eulogy. "Society has a way of looking down at people who try to make ends meet, who seek above the minimum wage. Maria won that battle! She is still winning!"

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Maria Fernandes' working life tracked a carefully choreographed schedule. From 2 to 9 p.m. most days she staffed the counter at a Dunkin' kiosk inside Newark's main train station. Then she headed to a second shop, open around the clock in downtown Linden, where she worked from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, she added an 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. shift at a third shop in Harrison, picking up additional hours when asked.

In Harrison, she usually worked at the sandwich preparation station, chatting with fellow employees, sometimes showing them snapshots. Alaaddin Abuawada, a co-worker who also holds a second job at a thrift shop, said Fernandes often appeared exhausted.

When business was slow, she slumped on cartons in the kitchen for 15-minute naps. She slept in her car before heading to her next shift. When co-workers called her name for help, she jokingly answered, "No."

Abuawada said he once told her that she was killing herself. "She said, 'I need the money. I

have a lot of bills,'" he recalled.

Fernandes was not a complainer, but this was not the life she had expected.

More than a decade ago, she told friends she wanted to be an actress, had black-and-white publicity photos taken and took the train to New York to seek auditions. She wrote her sister in Portugal that she wanted to be a police officer. She talked about going to school to be a beautician. And, before Michael Jackson died, she spoke often about her desire to meet him.

"She would say she was going to marry him," friend Cristina Ribau Orama said. "And the way she said it, it was like it was going to happen."

Fernandes had come a long way to pursue those dreams. She was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, to Portuguese immigrant parents. Her father, Antonio, worked as a welder and his wife, 28 years his junior, worked in a factory. When Fernandes was 11 her father retired and moved the family to Gafanha da Encarnacao, his hometown of 5,000 on Portugal's Atlantic coast.

"She was kind of lost in this small town which was not hers," said Olinda Moreira, a half-sister who lives in the nearby city of Aveiro.

Fernandes' Portuguese was

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shaky and colored heavily by the dialect of her mother's hometown in the Azores islands. It was hard finding friends in a town where most younger residents had moved away for work. Her father was a stern disciplinarian with little patience for a daughter who spent hours watching "The X-Files" on television; he frowned upon her talk of moving back to the United States, alone, at least until she was 18.

In the summer of 1995, Fernandes was biking through the village when she spotted a Volkswagen Jetta with New Jersey license plates and introduced herself to owner Jose Ribau, visiting his hometown from Newark. That seeded friendships with Ribau's daughters, one the same age as Fernandes and the other four years younger, renewed each July when they returned to Portugal.

Six years later, Fernandes appeared without any notice at the Ribaus' gray-shingled house in north Newark, lugging a suitcase. She was 19.

"She said, 'Oh, I'm here from Portugal. I wanted to come to America,'" Orama recalled, with a bemused smile. "She always talked about coming to the U.S. It was just a matter of time."

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Fernandes went back to Portugal once, for three months, to work at a bakery her father had opened. But then she returned to New Jersey for good.

Eventually, she found a job behind the counter at Calandra's bakery, where she made conversation with customers in Spanish and French as well as English and Portuguese and bought co-workers birthday and holiday gifts, like a Betty Boop lava lamp for her supervisor.

Fernandes was a dedicated worker, well-liked on the afternoon shift. But in 2010 managers noticed when she began talking about needing more money to help support a new boyfriend's children and took on a second job at a Dunkin' Donuts shop.

Soon, "she was coming in late. She wouldn't show up," said Billy Ulkumen, the bakery's manager. Supervisors talked to Fernandes about her lateness. Eventually, she decided to quit, he said.

She had met the boyfriend online. Posting a comment on the MySpace page of an actor, Don Henrie—who played a Vampire character on a short-lived reality TV series "Mad Mad House"—Fernandes connected with a fellow fan, Richard Culhane.

When Culhane lost his New York construction job a few months later, Fernandes urged him to move to Newark, though they'd never met. She found him an apartment and paid his first month's rent. Eventually they moved in together, with Fernandes picking up the \$600 monthly expense, nearly double

her previous rent, he said.

Culhane still sounds perplexed by her generosity. She bought a tent and explained that it was for a homeless man she saw near work. When Culhane's mother died, Fernandes bought him and his three sons suits for the funeral. After they broke up last year, she continued to stop by with videogames for the boys.

"Before she left, she was paying almost all of it," Culhane said of the couple's bills. "She was like, 'I'll take care of you,'" he said.

It was not always smooth. Culhane said Fernandes was fond of his boys, but was overwhelmed by the noise they caused. In 2011, the couple's landlord filed eviction papers when Fernandes fell behind, although she was able to work out a restitution plan. A neighbor says the couple fought frequently, sometimes leaving Fernandes in tears.

Culhane's three young sons are from an earlier marriage. He said a state youth protection worker told him that if he wanted custody he needed a bigger apartment. He and Fernandes found a three-bedroom for \$1,100 a month and she took on a second job—supplementing pay from the bakery with earnings at a Dunkin' Donuts—to cover bills, he said.

When she quit the bakery, she picked up hours at a second Dunkin' Donuts and then a third. Co-workers said all her jobs paid at or just above the minimum wage—which New Jersey raised by \$1 earlier this year to \$8.25 an hour.

"I told her over and over, 'Quit one. You're working too much,'" Culhane said. "But she said, 'No, I'm used to it now.'"

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Friends say they never got solid answers from Fernandes about why she worked so much or, given her ability with languages, why she didn't pursue a different job.

Some of Fernandes' expenses reflected choices. Friends recount a number of instances when she gave them cash or handed over a debit card to help pay for food or travel. Along with her Chihuahua and three cats—the latter all named for Greek gods—Fernandes bought food for neighborhood strays.

Last year she bought the 2001 Kia for \$1,000, replacing the buses and trains she'd used to commute. Like so much else, she shared it generously.

"I probably put more miles on it than she did," said friend and co-worker Armando Gonzalez, who sometimes borrowed the car to visit his family in Connecticut.

But the Kia needed repairs. Last December, Fernandes brought it in to Newark's Go Tire for \$700 in work, asking owner Richard Fernandez for time to pay the bill because she needed money to buy Christmas gifts.

"It took a little longer than

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In this August 2014 photo provided by Glen Carter, Maria Fernandes, left, poses for a photo with boyfriend Glen Carter, right, and his daughter, Hannah Wilson, beside the swimming pool of a Hershey, Pa., hotel.

expected, but I understood so I wasn't trying to push her too much," the garage owner said. Two months later, Fernandes walked in with the money to settle the bill and retrieved her car from the mechanic's lot.

And then there was the money she spent to pursue her enthusiasm for all things Michael Jackson.

She was one of eight or nine women—now in their 20s to 40s and scattered through New York and New Jersey—who met and traveled together to celebrate the singer. They dubbed themselves LOTP, after a Jackson 5 tune, "Life of the Party." On Facebook, the woman who served frozen coffee Coolatas behind the Dunkin' counter called herself "Maria Jackson Fernandes."

After Jackson died, members of LOTP traveled to California each June to visit his burial site at Forest Lawn Cemetery and his Neverland estate. Fernandes saved for months to make the trip. Friends who were not part of the group called it an infatuation. But in a video filmed outside Jackson's mausoleum this past June and posted to YouTube, Fernandes talked about how much the singer meant to her.

"You want to break down and cry but you're in public and, you know, this is as close as I'm ever going to get to him, ever," she said in the video. "To me, when you say you're not alone, it literally means Michael is always there."

Fernandes' paychecks made the trips possible. While it's not clear exactly how much she earned, she worked at least 87 hours each week, and some friends say even more. That would equate to totally yearly income of \$36,000, assuming two weeks off.

But work also increasingly limited the time she had. For the last couple of years, when LOTP met for a Christmas sleepover at friend Shelly Block's house in New Jersey, Fernandes stayed an hour or two before leaving for work. This past June—the fifth anniversary of Jackson's death—she told the other women she wouldn't be able to make it to California, then surprised them by showing up at the cemetery before vanishing at day's end.

"Honestly, I can tell you this, Michael is what kept her going," said Dar 'Shay White, one of the members of LOTP. "She told me a lot how she was sad, how she was tired ... But she knew what she was working for—to get to California, to see Michael."

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Early this year, Fernandes created a profile on a dating website, Gothscene.com.



"Clueless," she called herself.

Her self-description as an animal lover interested in the supernatural and nostalgic for the 1980s caught the eye of Glen Carter, a 33-year-old Army veteran working at a Pennsylvania company that builds animal rescue vehicles.

"We were on the phone constantly from day one," Carter said. "I wasn't expecting, you know, to have any serious relationship with her. It's just I was talking to her and the more I talked, the more we connected."

As the summer began, they agreed to be a couple. Carter, in the process of a divorce and having trouble making alimony payments, said he encouraged Fernandes to visit and consider moving to Pennsylvania. But the idea was cemented when Fernandes took three days off from work in early August and they met for the first time, taking Carter's daughter to Hersheypark. On their last day together, a manager from one of the doughnut shops called Fernandes to ask her to come in to work, he said.

White said she encouraged Fernandes to move to Pennsylvania, pointing out that there was little keeping her in Newark. But Fernandes was uncertain. If she left, she told her friend, managers at the doughnut shops might be left short-handed.

Back home, Fernandes kept up the schedule, putting off another visit to Carter because she didn't have money for gas. She worked so much that landlady

Amelia Resende sometimes went two weeks without seeing Fernandes, who rented a basement room in her house. Five or six times in the past year, Resende said, she came outside to find Fernandes asleep in the driver's seat with the car running, once at 3 a.m.

"This is no good, Maria, no good," Resende said she told Fernandes.

"I'm sorry, Amelia. I'm so tired," she said Fernandes answered as she helped her out of the car.

Inside, Resende noticed, Fernandes reserved the sofa bed for her cats, spreading blankets for herself on the floor.

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Fifteen minutes before sunrise on Monday, Aug. 25, Fernandes finished her overnight shift, punctuating a round-the-clock weekend of work. "I'll see you tomorrow," she told a co-worker on the morning shift. Halfway home, she pulled in to the parking lot of a Wawa convenience store. The store's video surveillance camera recorded the time as 6:27 a.m.

"U can call if you like," she texted Carter just as he got to work. The couple talked about the day just completed and the one ahead. Fernandes said she was planning to go to the gym before going back to work.

Then Carter hung up to start his own job. Fernandes tilted back the driver's seat, leaving the engine running, the windows up and the doors locked, to catch up on much-needed sleep.

She never woke up.

The Wawa lot is popular with livery drivers, who stop to nap between airport pickups. It wasn't until 3:51 p.m. that a store employee finishing his shift noticed that a woman he'd seen sleeping in a car that morning was still there. Inside the vehicle, police found the gas can that Fernandes kept behind the back seat, tipped over and leaking. Fernandes' death was caused by inhalation of gas vapors and was accidental, the Union County Medical Examiner would determine.

Women from LOTP raised \$6,000 to pay for Fernandes' funeral. At the cemetery, less than a mile from the doughnut shop where she worked her final shift, mourners stepped forward to lay roses and sunflowers on her cream-colored casket.

"Wait! Wait! Wait!" White sobbed, stabbing her heels into the ground as workers lowered the coffin.

Then, slowly, mourners drifted away—Culhane and his sons in the funeral suits Fernandes had bought for them, members of LOTP leaning on one another's shoulders.

Standing beside the grave, Fernandes' co-worker, Armando Gonzalez, glanced down at his watch. There was just enough time, he said, to run home, change from his slacks and tie into his familiar white-and-brown uniform and report for a 3 p.m. shift.

"We've got to keep living, you know?"

Health & Fitness

No time for a workout? How to fit it into your workday



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Kristi Dear, a personal trainer, demonstrates exercises that can be done in the workplace.

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THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Next to “the dog ate my homework,” one of the most lame-brain excuses around might be this one: “Work keeps me too busy to exercise.”

To that, we roll our eyes, engage our core and lift both feet off the ground slowly, hold for

a breath or two, and lower them. “Do you have 60 seconds?” asks Dallas-area personal trainer Kristi Dear. “Do you have two minutes?”

Of course you do. How long does it take to heat your leftovers in the break room microwave? How much time do you spend on the phone? Not to get too personal, but how often do

you make a restroom trek?

Incorporate just five moving bouts of 60 seconds (or 10 of 30) throughout your day, and by the time you go home, that’s 10 minutes. By week’s end, it’s 50. And you don’t even have to keep a jump rope at your desk or set up a basketball hoop on the parking lot.

“You could hold in a squat



when you’re on the phone,” says Dear.

But, she concedes, “People would walk by and go, ‘What?!’”

For a subtler approach, we asked her; Trina Hall, an experienced registered yoga teacher, and Dallas personal trainer Turner Cavender for in-office suggestions. These moves won’t necessitate a shower, says Cavender, who owns Dallas Fit Body Boot Camp, but “your body is getting blood moving around.”

We divided the tips into three categories necessary for all-around fitness: cardio, strength and flexibility.

CARDIO

Take the stairs. Obvious? Maybe. But how often do you find yourself waiting for the elevator when the stairwell is just around the corner? Take them two steps at a time one flight, one step the next. Is your cubicle on the first floor? Use the restroom on the second.

Stand up. Set your phone or watch timer, and every 30 minutes, get your bottom out of the chair. Use the time to assess your to-do list, Cavender says. Or get a drink of water.

“Get the blood flowing. This helps eliminate back problems. When you’re seated for so long, your hip flexors shorten and that pulls on your lower back. The shorter they are, the more pain you have.”

If you’re awaiting a call or a visit from your boss and don’t want to leave your desk, stand up and sit down a few times every half-hour or so.

Move your feet. Walking to lunch, yes, but also while you’re sitting down. Do so when you’re on the phone, or

reading a report.

“Tap your toes on the floor for a minute straight,” Cavender says. Alternate feet, or do them at the same time. Feel those calf muscles?

STRENGTH

Practice your push-ups. Do them against the stairs—if the stairwell is empty and you don’t mind putting your hands where others put their feet. Or you can perfect your push-up prowess against the break room countertop while your coffee is heating, Dear says.

Do them slowly or see how many you can do in those 30 to 45 seconds. Position your hands various distances apart.

Tone your triceps. Eliminate jelly arms by placing your hands on a bathroom sink or break room countertop behind you. Extend your legs until you are balancing on your heels. Bend your elbows and dip, then straighten, in sort of an inverted push-up. Repeat until it feels uncomfortable.

Tone your triceps II. For the next two exercises, Dear recommends connecting two large (5 to 6 inches) rubber bands. Hold one end in your right hand. Bending your elbow, let the other end drop behind your back. Grasp it with your left hand. Keeping that hand steady, straighten your right elbow. Do each side for a minute, tightening the tension as weeks go by and the exercise becomes easier.

Dear prefers time to reps because “if I said to do 25, one person may say, ‘That didn’t work,’ and another would say, ‘That’s hard!’”

As you get stronger with this and the following exercise, work on increasing the number of reps you do each minute.

Strengthen your legs.

Put one loop of the connected rubber bands around each ankle. With knees bent and feet on the floor, straighten and bend each leg for one minute. See how many reps you can do in a minute. Make it tougher by doing quick pulses, bending your knee slightly without letting your foot touch the floor. See how many reps you can do in a minute.

For another challenge, start with feet on the floor. One leg at a time, lift the knee to the chest, keeping your back straight.

If using the bands is too difficult, start without them and build up.

FLEXIBILITY

Ease low-back tightness with the Seated Pigeon.

For this yoga move, Hall says, sit straight in your chair. Rest your right ankle over your left thigh. Straighten your spine and lean forward until you feel a stretch in your lower back. Hold for 10 deep breaths through the nose. Switch sides.

Stretch shoulders and neck.

For this, known as Eagle Arms, sit straight in your chair. Extend your arms at shoulder height in front of your body. Bend your elbows up; put your left elbow in the crook of your right arm. Without letting your elbows drop, put your right hand on your left shoulder, and your left hand on your right shoulder, “like you’re giving yourself a hug,” Hall says. Hold for 10 breaths. Repeat on the other side.

For a deeper stretch, take your hands off your shoulders and touch your palms.

“This opens the shoulders, upper back and neck,” she says. “It’s good for the person who sits at a computer, hunched over a keyboard.”

Personal Trainer

Feel hungry after a workout?

After exercising, many people feel hungry for a high-calorie meal or snack; how to head off that temptation:



Eat promptly

Eating within 15 to 30 minutes of exercising reduces the amount you eat, compared to waiting an hour

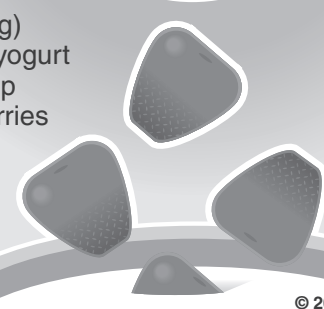
Avoid fast-acting carbs

A high-carbohydrate energy bar may well leave you even hungrier 30 minutes later



A better post-exercise snack

6 oz. (175 g) of fat-free yogurt with 1/2 cup of strawberries



Make it moderate

Intense exercise can leave you extra invigorated and hungry; try lower intensity exercise, like walking



Water holds back hunger

Drinking water before you eat relieves hunger and is better than sugar-sweetened juices and drinks

Life & Style

Binoche explores risks, passion of war photography

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Juliette Binoche has long been fascinated by war photography, she says, and often wonders about the people who risk their lives to capture such photos. Who are they, and what are they like?

She got a crash course when preparing for her new movie, “1,000 Times Good Night,” in which she plays a photojournalist and mother whose personal risks wreak havoc on her family.

Known for her intensive preparation for films—for “The Lovers on the Bridge,” for example, she slept in the streets of Paris to experience life as a homeless person, angering her own mother—Binoche interviewed war photojournalists to get a sense of what drives them. “The passion they have for their work can become an obsession,” she says. “You want to have a family, and yet you can’t live without your passion. How is it possible to live with both?”

Norwegian director Erik Poppe says he based the film on his own experiences as a photojournalist. But he decided to make the central character a woman, he says, because he felt it would intensify the sense of conflict between one’s profession and one’s family. Binoche’s character, Rebecca, has a husband and two daughters, all



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This image released by Film Movement shows Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, left, and Juliette Binoche in a scene from, “A Thousand Times Goodnight.”

of whom suffer in various ways from what she puts them through.

It’s not lost on either the director or his leading lady that this is a particularly apt time to focus on the dangers of being a war journalist, with the recent beheadings of journalists in Syria at the hands of Islamic State militants—and

other deaths in the past few years. “It’s going to be harder and harder for people to do this work,” Poppe notes.

The film begins in Afghanistan, where Rebecca is documenting the last hours of a Taliban suicide bomber—in this

case, a woman. No male photographer would be allowed to see such intimate preparations as the dressing of the bomber, ending with the fitting of her suicide vest.

But Rebecca wants even better photos, so she asks to ride

in the bomber’s car into Kabul. Exiting the car, she snaps yet a few more, and in doing so, inadvertently attracts the attention of the police. The ensuing struggle results in the premature detonation of the bomb. Rebecca is seriously wounded, but is luckier than the civilians nearby who

are killed.

“We talked about that scene a lot,” Binoche says. “Rebecca tries to warn people nearby—but yet, she pushes it. It’s always this question of how far can you go as a human being. Why didn’t she say to the police, ‘It’s a suicide bomber.’ It’s hard. You’re working with your instinct, trying to cause as little harm as possible and yet getting information to the world.”

Poppe notes that the film tries not to judge Rebecca. “It’s not black and white,” he says. “She’s trying to tell a story. The fact is they were going out to kill people, maybe many more. But a situation like this can break you apart.”

Indeed, when Rebecca arrives home to recuperate, she is broken and wracked with guilt. She promises that she’ll stop. But when an opportunity arises again, this time in Africa, her photographer’s instincts kick in yet again, with still more harrowing results for her family.

Rowling writes backstory of Potter character

NEW YORK (AP)—Harry Potter fans can look forward to a Halloween treat, with some tricks, from J.K. Rowling.

In an announcement posted Friday on her website, www.pottermore.com, the author revealed that she has prepared a 1,700 word story about the witch and former Hogwarts professor Dolores Umbridge. The story will appear on Hal-

loween, Oct. 31, on her site. It will include Rowling’s “revealing first-person thoughts” about Umbridge, according to Friday’s announcement.

Umbridge first appeared in “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,” the fifth of seven books in Rowling’s multimillion-selling series. Imelda Staunton played her in the film adaptations of the Potter books.

John Denver gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Things are a little sunnier on the Hollywood Walk of Fame following the posthumous unveiling of a star for John Denver.

The “Sunshine on My Shoulders” singer received the walk’s 2,531st star on Friday, 17 years after his death.

Denver’s son, Zak Deutschen-dorf, and daughter, Jesse Belle Denver, attended the unveiling.

Denver rose to fame in the 1970s with a series of sunny, optimistic songs that includ-

ed “Rocky Mountain High,” “Thank God I’m a Country Boy” and “Annie’s Song.”

He died in a 1997 plane crash at age 53.

Friday’s unveiling coincided with the opening of a Hollywood exhibition of photos called “Sweet Sweet Life: The Photographic Works of John Denver.”

The musician’s photos will be on display at Hollywood’s Substrate Gallery for the next month.

Father of country star Reba McEntire dies

COALGATE, Okla. (AP)—The father of country music star Reba McEntire has died in Oklahoma.

A post on the singer’s verified Twitter account Friday says Clark McEntire passed away Thursday night in Coalgate.

The director of Brown’s Funeral Service in nearby Atoka confirmed the death, saying McEntire had been in declining health since suffering a stroke a few years ago. He was 86.

A post on the country star’s Instagram account says her father was “born and bred a cowboy.” It says she’s thankful he’s no longer suffering.

The post includes a photo of her father on horseback, saying: “He always told us kids never to run your horse to the barn. He was just taking his time to go on home.”

Funeral home director Eddie Brown says a service will be held Wednesday.

Haunted-house decor causes fright for neighborhood kids

DEAR ABBY: We have a neighbor who “decorates” his yard for Halloween in the worst way imaginable. Every year it becomes more macabre. He has “bodies” hanging from tree limbs, gravestones with RIP on dirt mounds and other unbelievable atrocities. He thinks it’s funny. It is despicable and it scares the children who must walk past his yard.

When we ask him not to put such deplorable items in our neighborhood, he doesn’t take it seriously. I’m thinking about taking up a collection and bribing him not to put his growing, vulgar display up this year. What can we do?

SPOOKED IN TOPEKA

DEAR SPOOKED: What you’re describing is a feature of Halloween that many children enjoy. However, you can’t “protect” your children forever. When they’re old enough to understand, explain to them that this is all done in the spirit of fun, and it’s not real or dangerous.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were 18, we decided to have each other’s initials tattooed on our ring fingers. His tattoo included the initial that one day became my last name. It’s been 10 years and our marriage is still solid and beautiful.

I have worked hard at a nursing career, but I feel self-conscious about my tattoo, although I now wear rings as well. I still like my tattoo, but I don’t want people judging me because of it. My husband says I’ll only hurt myself if I remove something I love having. Do I express my love the way I wish or succumb to nasty stares from patients?

INKED FOR LOVE

DEAR INKED FOR LOVE: I agree with your husband. You are entitled to express your love any way you wish. Many professional people sport tattoos that are far more flamboyant than the one you have. If you catch a patient staring, smile and share the story behind it. I think it is sweet and rather charming.

DEAR ABBY: I am friends with two women who dislike each other. Neither one has family, so I usually invite them over for holiday dinners. Over the past 10 years they have tolerated each other and been cordial. But this summer they had a big row, and the divide is even wider.

I love them both, but how do I now handle Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, knowing how they feel about each other? Should I extend the usual invitation and hope for the best? Or

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should I not invite either of them to avoid the possible conflict?

I will not take sides. I think both of them are being petty and childish, but I also don’t know what to do. My family is quite large, and these two have always blended in nicely.

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: Because you feel that having them together in the same room would cause tension for you, my advice is to have them over on alternate holidays.

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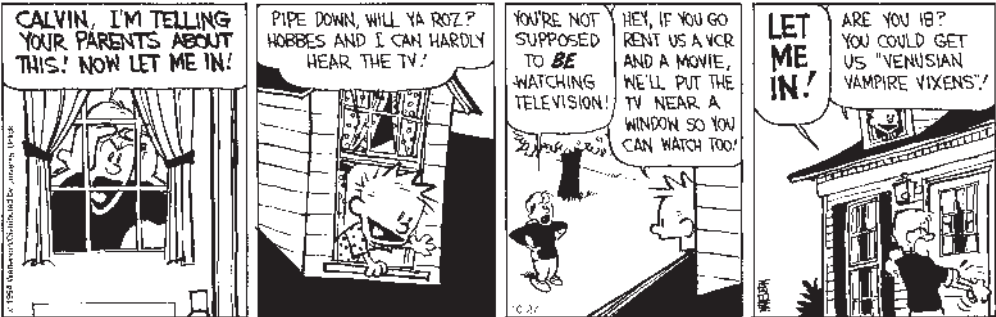
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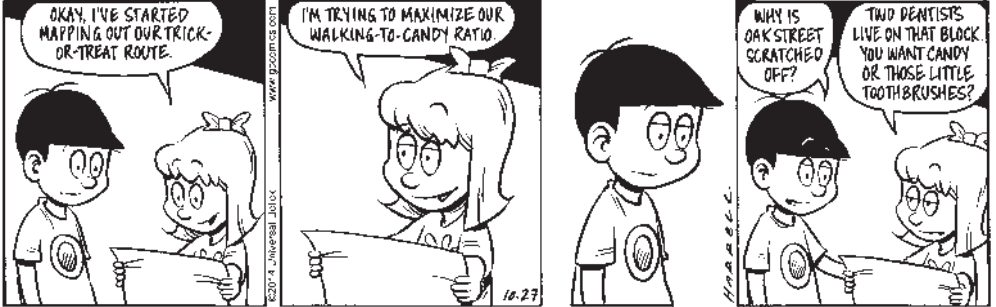


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42 Swap

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45 Vow

46 Miss Scarlet's game

50 Acapulco aunt

51 "Who cares?"

52 "See ya"

53 Gender

Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 10-27

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Osbourne, 30; Patrick Fugit, 32; Peter Firth, 61; John Cleese, 75.

Happy Birthday: Let your imagination run wild. Creativity coupled with excellent timing will help you gain ground this year. Don't let the changes going on around you deter your plans. It's important to follow your gut feeling and build the future that will bring you the greatest satisfaction. Don't let anyone bully or manipulate you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Your numbers are 3, 13, 19, 21, 23, 35, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take control and do your thing. You've got what it takes to dazzle your peers and superiors. Let your intelligence and cooperative attitude shine through, and your desire to advance will come to fruition. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Moneymaking ventures will pay off if you act fast, but don't go over budget. Keep your deals simple and interesting. A career opportunity will lead to good fortune. Use your charm and know-how to promote a skill you have to offer. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on happiness and self-improvement. Expand your interests and make your surroundings conducive to pursuing your goals. Share personal thoughts and make plans that will enforce greater incentives. Don't mix business with pleasure. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Networking will pay off, so don't sit at home when you should be mingling. Love is in the stars, and discussing plans with someone you think is special will help you build a relationship based on goals you share. ★★★

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7	5	6	9	8	4	3	2	1
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Giants surge past Royals to tie Series



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The World Series was slipping away from the San Francisco Giants.

A botched grounder led to a three-run deficit, and they were in danger of falling behind the Kansas City Royals three games to one.

Instead of panic, it was time for some Panda-monium.

Pablo Sandoval's single set up Hunter Pence to score the tying run in the fifth inning and the 2012 Series MVP followed with a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth that sent the Giants surging past the Kansas City Royals 11-4 Saturday night at pulsating AT&T Park.

The Series is tied at two games apiece, ensuring the title will be decided at Kansas City's Kauffman Stadium next week.

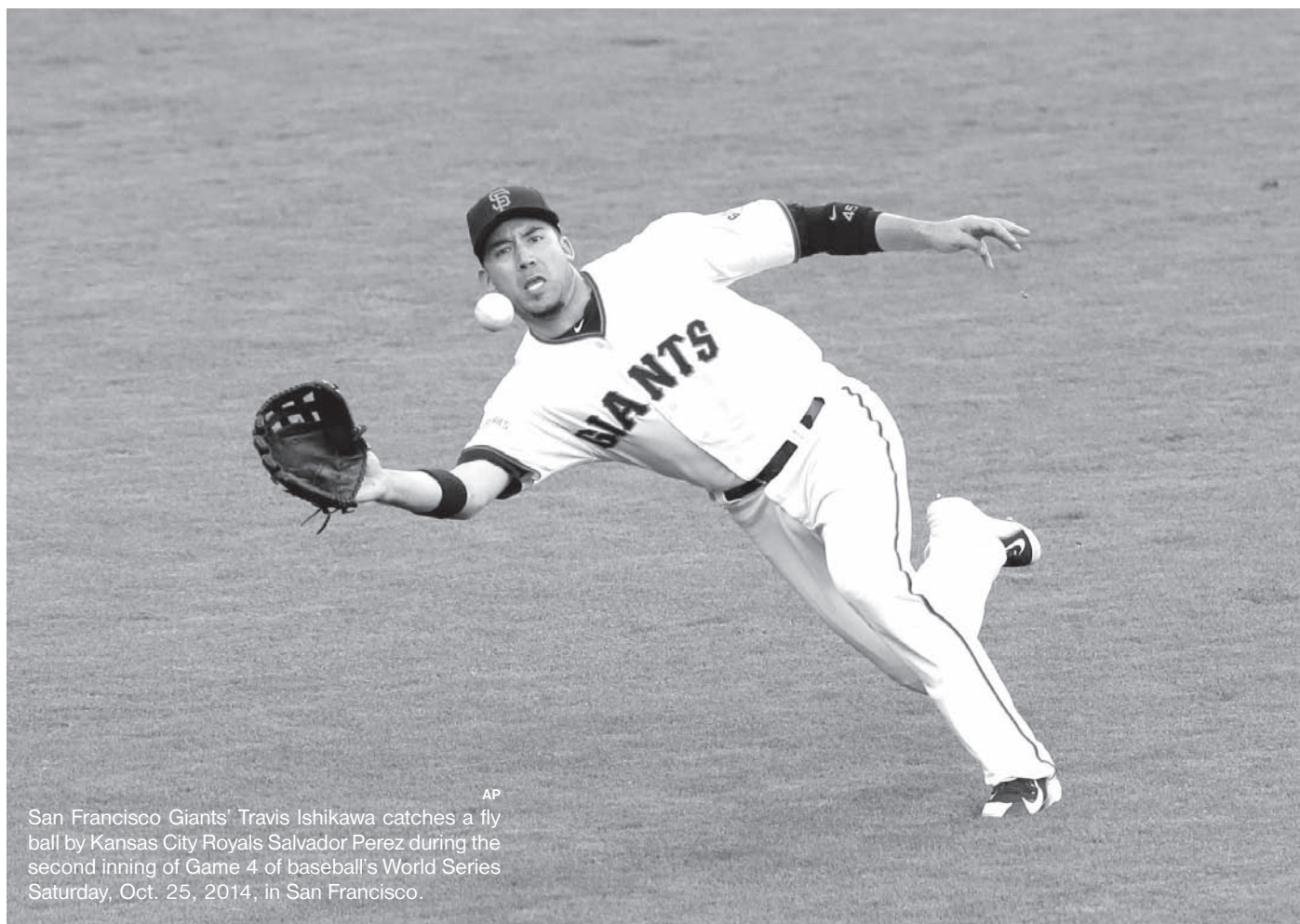
"We never give up, that's the thing," said Sandoval, who shook off a stomach bug after starting to feel ill Friday. "We've been doing it all year in these situations. We know how that feels."

Pence, eyes ablaze, had three hits, three RBIs and a nifty sliding catch in the ninth inning, and Joe Panik hit a two-run double in a four-run seventh.

"We had to win this game tonight no matter what," said Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong, knocked out after 2 2-3 innings.

San Francisco scored 10 unanswered runs and piled on 16 hits in a marathon of exactly 4 hours.

"We're going to battle and scratch and claw," Panik said.



AP
San Francisco Giants' Travis Ishikawa catches a fly ball by Kansas City Royals Salvador Perez during the second inning of Game 4 of baseball's World Series Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, in San Francisco.

Madison Bumgarner tries to put the Giants ahead Sunday night when he starts against Royals ace James Shields in a rematch of the opener, won by the Giants 7-1.

"This was a great ballgame, I thought, especially the way we came back," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

Showcasing baseball at its exciting best, the game included a sprawling catch by Royals center fielder Jarrod Dyson that left a pair of divots, and the first use of expanded video review in Series history - which became a turning point. Jeff Kel-

logg's safe call at second base was upheld by replay ump Jerry Meals on catcher Salvador Perez's pickoff attempt of Joaquin Arias, helping the Giants build the pivotal rally.

Four fans in the first row near the Giants dugout wore giant - of course - white panda heads as they cheered on Sandoval, nicknamed Kung Fu Panda and a veteran of the team's World Series titles in 2010 and '12. The switch-hitter batted just .199 right-handed during the regular season but came up with his first two-hit game from that side of the plate since Aug. 25,

emphatically tossing his bat after lining a single to center that put the Giants ahead 6-4.

Sandoval said he vomited after batting practice and took medication.

"No one was taking me out of the lineup," he said. "I play giving my heart and soul to the team."

Lost in the torrent of runs was the earlier fit of pique by Bochy, who threw his hat to the dugout floor when his team botched a third-inning grounder. The mood was different by the eighth, when former Journey singer Steve Perry sprinted to

the front row of the second deck behind home plate and led the crowd of 43,066 in a sing-along of "Lights."

The outlook seemed far different in the third, when ominous, dark clouds formed over the bayside ballpark, and the Royals burst ahead 4-1 against Vogelsong with the pitcher's help. He failed to step on first while covering and trying to catch Brandon Belt's throw on Eric Hosmer's tapper. Orange-clad fans quieted, and there

even were scattered boos.

"I thought we had the situation right in the palm of our hand," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

But Yasmiero Petit settled the NL champions with three innings of scoreless, two-hit relief to improve to 3-0 in the postseason.

"The way Petey threw tonight saved our bullpen. He was our MVP tonight for me," San Francisco pitcher Jeremy Affeldt.

Yost stayed with starter Jason Vargas into the fifth, removing him after Panik's leadoff double. Royals relievers had been 7-0 in the postseason, but Yost couldn't get to his hard-throwing HDH triad of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland.

Jason Frasor and Danny Duffy combined to allow the tying run in a two-run fifth. And Brandon Finnegan, the first player to appear in the College World Series and World Series in the same year, allowed Sandoval's two-run single and Brandon Belt's RBI's single in the sixth.

"I don't think anybody goes through a season without losing a game," Finnegan said. "If they did they'd be in the Hall of Fame now."

Kansas City went ahead with a two-out, four-run rally in the third with the help of two infield hits that gave the Royals 18 in the postseason, matching the total of all other teams combined. Omar Infante grounded a two-run single up the middle for a 3-1 lead, and Perez followed with a bloop RBI single.

Bumgarner to face Shields in Game 5

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—When it came down to it, the San Francisco Giants decided that having a fully rested Madison Bumgarner starting one game was preferable than trying to send him out twice on short rest.

So Bumgarner will take his sterling postseason resume into Game 5 of the World Series on Sunday night on his usual four days' rest when the Giants take on James Shields and the Kansas City Royals in the final game of the season in San Francisco.

That decision allowed Ryan Vogelsong to start Game 4 on Thursday with Jake Peavy and Tim Hudson set to start the final two games if the Series goes seven. Bumgarner would be available in relief in Game 7 if necessary.

"I don't think at this point we should push Madison either," manager Bruce Bochy said. "Then you're going to ask him to go on another three days. So we're keeping things in order because of how well all of our starters have thrown."

A report surfaced during Game 3 on Friday night that Bumgarner told his teammates that he demanded to pitch on short rest for Game 4 for the first time of his career.

Bumgarner forcefully denied the report Saturday and said he just prepared to be ready whenever Bochy needed him.

"It sounds like I'm trying to run the team, which I'm certainly not," he said. "That's no good that that got out there somehow. It doesn't make any sense to me why that would happen. I never said anything to anyone about anything. We knew that was an option, and I'm prepared where I would be ready for Game 4 or 5 or any of them. That's just ridiculous."

The Giants trail the Series 2-1 heading into Saturday night's game.

Bumgarner is the unquestioned ace on the Giants staff with Matt Cain sidelined by injury and former two-time Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum relegated to the bullpen.

He backed that up by going 18-10 with a 2.98 ERA during the season, but it has been in October when Bumgarner is usually at his best. He allowed one run in seven innings to get the win in Game 1 against Kansas City and is 6-3 with a 2.54 ERA in 11 career postseason appearances.

He pitched a four-hit shutout to beat Pittsburgh in the wildcard playoff and went 7 2-3 scoreless innings to win Game 1 of the NLCS against St. Louis.

He has won all three of his career World Series starts, allowing just one run in 22 innings. His 0.41 ERA in the Series is the lowest of any starter with at least 20 innings in the Fall Classic.

Even the heavy workload of 256 innings in the regular and postseason hasn't slowed Bumgarner down this month.

"I feel as good as I've felt all year right now, which is fortunate for me," he said. "It's tough. It usually doesn't work out that way, but for whatever

reason, everything started clicking in the last probably two months, and I've been feeling really good."

Shields has been far from his best this postseason with a 1-1 record and a 7.11 ERA, failing to live up to his nickname "Big Game James."

He allowed five runs in three innings in the Game 1 loss and his 5.74 ERA in his postseason career is the sixth highest of all-time.

"Obviously, the last couple starts is not the way I wanted to end up," he said. "But sometimes those things happen, and unfortunately it's right now."

Shields said he was a little too "amped" up in the Game 1 loss and said he needs to do a better job of controlling his emotions.

Manager Ned Yost is confident he can do that.

"I know tomorrow when he steps on that mound, he's going to be ready both physically and mentally to compete and give us his best effort, and that's all I can ask," Yost said.

SIDEBAR

Royals think Giants soaked dirt to slow down speedsters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When it comes to the Royals' running game, Kansas City manager Ned Yost thinks the San Francisco Giants are being sticks in the mud.

The area around first base appeared to be a bit mucky for Game 3 of the World Series on Friday night. The Royals concluded the dirt was hosed down with extra vigor.

"Maybe the groundskeeper just was looking at all the Royals fans up in the corner there and just forgot," Yost said Saturday. "I thought it was a little extra wet around first. When Moose (Mike Moustakas) or somebody got on — it might have been Moose — and he dove back into first base and he came up extremely muddy, I thought that it was a little damper than normal, yeah."

Giants manager Bruce Bochy claimed he had not perceived any unusual moisture.

"Somebody did mention

that to me. I think somebody else when we played Washington mentioned that, too, but I didn't notice," he said.

Kansas City led the major leagues with 153 stolen bases during the regular season. After swiping 13 bases in their first six postseason games this year, the Royals hadn't stolen any in five straight games entering Saturday.

"It was definitely wet yesterday," speedy Kansas City outfielder Lorenzo Cain said. "You've got to try to run more under control. You can't just be kind of all over the place while running. You've got to understand you can't make sharp cuts that you would normally make and just try to control yourself."

Giants third base coach Tim Flannery didn't seem to think the Royals could be slowed down.

"They can run barefoot and still get through there so fast," he said.

All hail King James; LeBron rules NBA



CLEVELAND (AP)—His shirt soaked with champagne after winning his fourth title in 2007, Tim Duncan had one more move before celebrating further with his Spurs teammates. He pivoted in a hallway inside Quicken Loans Arena, pulled 22-year-old LeBron James close and delivered a message.

"The league is going to be yours soon," Duncan told James.

Seven years later, there's no denying the power and influence James holds over the NBA.

It's his league.

Beyond being the world's most complete player, a multifaceted, once-in-a-generation megastar, James is the undisputed face of his sport. Both iconic and inspirational, James transcends the game like Michael Jordan before him.

Whether it's adding a new wrinkle to his offensive repertoire, signing a shorter contract to give himself more options or his choice of headphones, James sets standards on and off the floor. He recently passed Tiger Woods as the athlete with the top brand value, according to Forbes, with endorsements worth more than \$50 million last year alone.

"We have tons of stars in this league," Mavericks center Tyson Chandler said. "But that's another level and a different magnitude of a player."

Two months shy of his 30th birthday, James already has a lifetime's worth of accomplishments: Two-time NBA champion, four-time MVP, double Olympic gold medalist, A-list celebrity, philanthropist, businessman, husband and father.

"And," Milwaukee coach Jason Kidd said with a sigh, "he's still young."

His decision this summer to return to the Cavs - revealed in a touching essay—helped Akron's favorite son win over fans who felt swindled when he signed with Miami four years ago.

By coming home, James boosted Cleveland's image and economy, turning a city already on the rebound into a sports hotspot and attractive destination for future free agents.

LeRoy Brooks, a finance professor at John Carroll University, estimates James' return will produce nearly \$500 million in revenue in the city. The Cavs sold out season tickets, bars and restaurants are expanding staff and downtown hotels are filling up with out-of-town guests for the winter, when cold winds off Lake Erie keep locals inside.

Teamed with All-Stars Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving, James and the Cavs are a must-see attraction.

"Everybody is getting a piece of him coming back," Chandler said. "Clearly, he's the big dog."



And as he approaches his 12th season, James faces greater pressure than ever. Every move draws comparisons to Jordan and other legends. If he can deliver Cleveland its first pro sports title since 1964, he'll boost his argument as the game's all-time best.

The latest chapter in his campaign launched with his essay: "I'm coming home."

The words brought Cleveland to a standstill.

Workers at lunch spilled into the streets with joy. Grown men cried at James' heartfelt sentiments.

"To be able to affect people's lives in the greater good, I'm very humbled by that and I don't take those moments for granted," James said, reflecting on his July 11 proclamation. "Once I'm done, I'll be able to really sit back and say, 'Wow, that happened.' And try to enjoy some of it."

James plotted the move for some time. He kept a close eye on the Cavs from afar, publicly stating he liked their direction. He felt they were a player or two from contention. Turns out he was the missing piece.

Still, James came back despite several unknowns.

He had never met new Cavs coach David Blatt, a European legend hired in June. He didn't know general manager David Griffin, either. And there was no guarantee the team could bolster its roster.

There was also the rift with Cavs owner Dan Gilbert, who assailed James with a famous letter. The two met in Florida a few days before the decision, Gilbert apologized and James forgave him, preferring to talk face to face.

"You hash it out and move on," James said.

James felt as long as he was coming home all things were possible. The team itself was a small factor.

"It was more about these fans and the city and the people here and the people who watched me grow from when I first picked up a basketball at age 8 to now at 29," he said. "The team

didn't mean much."

Expectations have grown after Love came in a blockbuster trade and the Cavs signed free agents Shawn Marion, Mike Miller and James Jones, a sup-

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In this Oct. 17, 2014 file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives past Dallas Mavericks' Monta Ellis (11) in the third quarter of a preseason NBA basketball game in Cleveland.

porting cast loaded with playoff experience.

"I didn't envision our team being like this right off the bat," said James, who signed a two-year, \$42.1 million contract. "I did sacrifice the right now for the future. I felt like me coming, we could hopefully add some pieces. Obviously it happened quicker than I thought."

Once reluctant to take a strong stance on issues, James recognizes there's a larger responsibility inherent in being the league's top player. Lately, he has been more outspoken on issues like the length of the season and the NBA's TV deal.

He's embraced his role as a leader, and not just for the Cavaliers.

For everyone.

"Four years ago a 25-, 26-year-old LeBron was just starting to figure this global thing out," Jones said. "But now he understands as a 12-year veteran that he is the face of the game and the game goes where he goes. He takes it personally, because it's a good thing for the players."

McCoy signs 7-year, \$98M deal with Bucs



TAMPA BAY (AP)—Defensive tackle Gerald McCoy has signed a seven-year extension with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers worth \$98 million, making McCoy the highest-paid player at his position.

McCoy, a 2013 All-Pro, will get \$51.5 million guaranteed, the most ever given to a defensive tackle in NFL history. His new deal will average \$14 million per year.

Including his current salary for 2014, McCoy would make \$111 million over the eight-year period.

The deal was concluded Saturday by McCoy's agent, Ben Dogra, and Buccaneers general manager Jason Licht.

"Gerald is extremely excited to remain with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and he is especially thankful to Bucs owners, coaches, and Jason Licht for working so hard throughout the process," Dogra said.

McCoy is in his fifth NFL season and comes off his best year, when he had 9 1-2 sacks and 35 tackles. He is considered the anchor of Tampa Bay's rebuilding defense.

The Buccaneers (1-5) have struggled this year, allowing 204 points, the most in the league. But McCoy is among

the league's best defensive tackles, often drawing double teams. He has played part of this season with a cast on his broken left hand.

Now, McCoy has long-term security in Tampa and can begin working on getting the Bucs into the postseason, something he has never experienced.

"That's eating away at me, man," the 6-foot-4, 300-pound McCoy said this summer. "I do all this training and preparing, trying to do what I can for my team for us to get to the playoffs. I just want to experience it."

RG3 won't rush return

Meanwhile, in Virginia, the Washington Redskins finally allowed Robert Griffin III to speak. So he referenced Winston Churchill and played along with the uncertainty whether he might make his return Monday night.

Griffin spoke for 1 minute, 17 seconds Friday near his locker, the first time he has addressed his injury since the day after he dislocated his left ankle in Week 2.

He did not take questions. His appearance was scheduled by the team after reporters suggested that Griffin's unavailability to the media was a possible violation of

NFL access rules.

Coach Jay Gruden hasn't ruled out Griffin for Monday night's game against the Dallas Cowboys, but the coach said the plan remains for Colt McCoy to start. McCoy played the second half after Kirk Cousins was benched at half-time of Sunday's win over the Tennessee Titans.

Here is Griffin's speech, in its entirety:

"How're y'all doing? Everybody's waiting, I can see it. You guys are ready. Nah, man, a quote that I stumbled upon during this process of being injured, being out, was by Winston Churchill, and it says, 'Courage is what it takes to stand up and do something. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.'"

"So during this time I've been listening, learning, growing as a player in this offense. It's our job to help this team win, and, you know, I've been there for Kirk and Colt as much as I possibly can, and being there for this team to make sure they're as ready as possible during this process. And it (stinks) that I can't get out there and play with them and help them get wins, but I've been listening to the doctors, listening to the trainers, listening to coaches. We're not

going to rush my ankle."

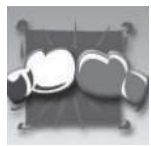
"You know, it's a blessing that I wasn't hurt as bad as it could've been. It's been a blessing and I've been recovering right on time, so that's good. But at the same time we don't want to rush that. And it's Dallas week. We all want to beat Dallas. We know what this game means for our season, so that's what I've been trying to do this week, and making sure that I'm ready to go, making sure this team's ready to go, and whoever plays quarterback is ready to go. That's all I've got to say. Beat Dallas."

For the literary record, the quote widely attributed to Churchill actually reads: "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

For the football record, Griffin was again listed as limited in practice Friday. Gruden said McCoy took most of the first-team snaps, and that Griffin took first-team and scout-team snaps. The coach said he won't announce Griffin's status for the game until shortly before kickoff.

"We're still preparing for Colt to be the starter," Gruden said, "and Robert is continuing with his practice exertion."

Pacquiao takes Algieri seriously, still eyes Mayweather



LAS VEGAS—

The carrot on the stick—a mega-millions fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr.—still is dangling just beyond Manny Pacquiao's grasp. Now that Pacquiao is closing in on his 36th birthday in December and has begun to show the wear and tear of 63 pro fights over a 19-year career, Mayweather's representatives have laid the groundwork for serious negotiations.

But Pacquiao must clear one last hurdle to reach the finish line for a Mayweather fight. He still has to get past Huntington's Chris Algieri in their WBO welterweight title fight Nov. 22 in Macau.

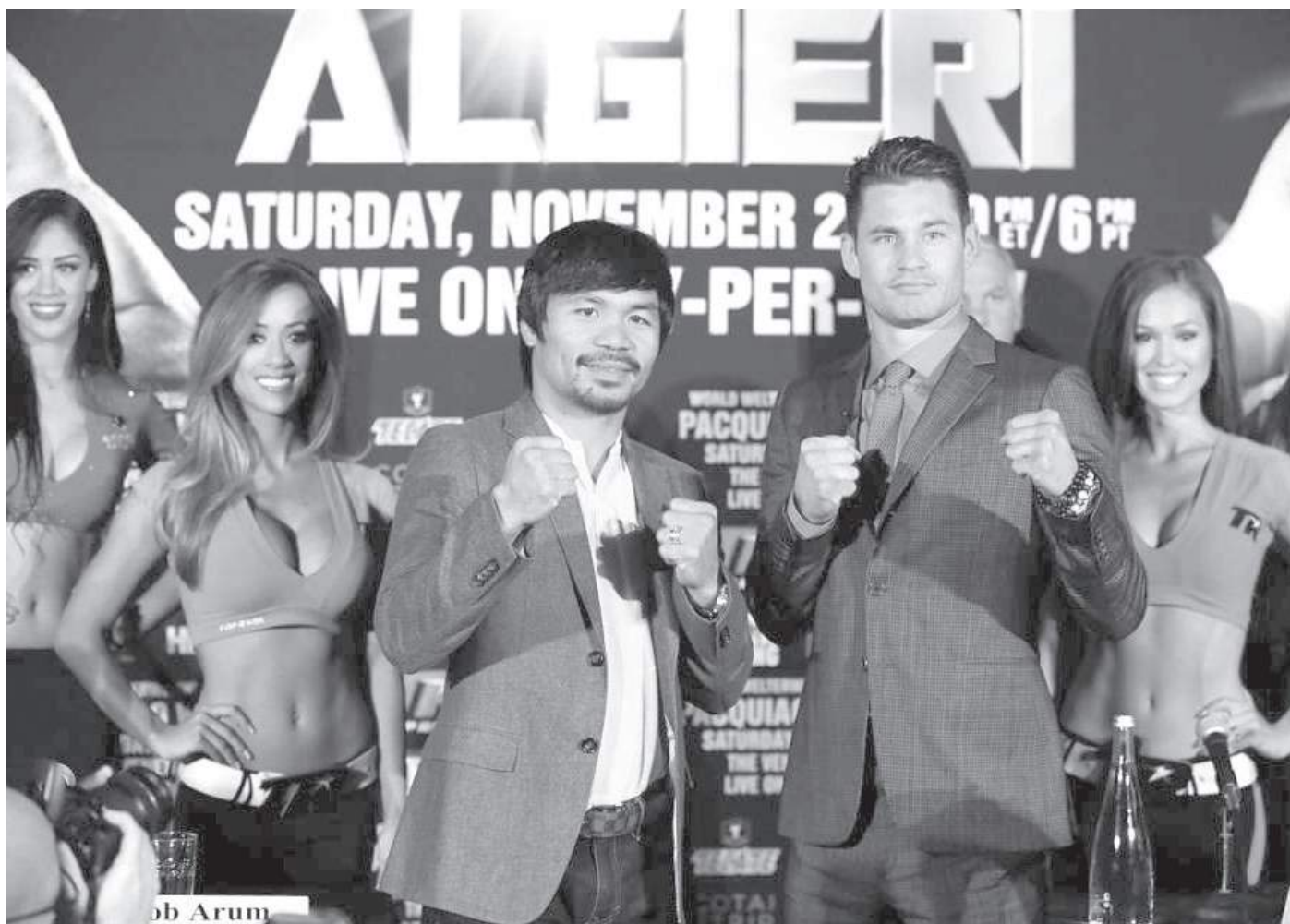
It's a fair bet Pacquiao never had heard of Algieri before the latter upset Ruslan Provodnikov for the WBO junior lightweight title by split decision in June. When he was in New York in September on the promotion tour, Pacquiao kiddingly played along with a reporter asking what he thought when Top Rank promoter Bob Arum offered him Algieri.

"Chris who?" Pacquiao said to a burst of laughter.

When another reporter then asked about Mayweather negotiations, Pacquiao didn't miss a beat:

"Who?"

The laughter died, and then he said: "Hopefully, that fight will happen by next year. I still give him hope. Give him a chance to make it happen. They have started negotiating right now with the promoters. It's a serious conversation, so that's good."



Arum frankly admitted a Mayweather-Pacquiao bout isn't worth as much as it was three years ago when Pacquiao still was at the top of his game. In 2012, Pacquiao's string of 15 wins over six years and four weight classes came to an end when he lost a controversial decision to Timothy Bradley. His next time out, Pacquiao was stretched face-first, out cold on the canvas by a Juan Manuel Marquez knockout punch.

Though Pacquiao since has beaten Brandon Rios and regained his title from Bradley

last April, the perception is that his tank is nearing empty. Pacquiao insists that's not the case.

"I can still fight," Pacquiao said that day in New York. "You can see in my face boxing is my passion. Every time I walk into the ring, you can see I'm smiling because I'm excited to fight."

Asked if he's as good as he was before the Marquez KO, Pacquiao said: "I still feel that. I'm not thinking I'm slowing down. It depends on how I prepare."

Freddie Roach, who trains Pacquiao, made news last week

when he said they have some "sparring partners who are better than our opponent." Despite that note of disrespect from Roach, he knows better than anyone the danger of a skilled boxer with a big size advantage over the 5-6 Pacquiao.

After all, Roach was in Provodnikov's corner and has admitted he took Algieri lightly. When it came time to choose Pacquiao's next opponent, Roach favored Danny Garcia.

"That's a very attractive fight," Roach said. "The guy swings really hard and goes for it. That was my first choice. Algieri is a little bit of a mover, not Manny's favorite style to fight.

But he's had success with it."

Roach said Algieri bears some similarity to Oscar De La Hoya, who was stopped in eight rounds by Pacquiao in 2008. "Good jab, good left hook," Roach said. "His right hand is nothing to worry about. Our job is just to take that jab away from him, and that's really not that difficult. We took the jab away from [De La Hoya] by getting a little bit closer. That's what we have to do is fight from a little bit shorter range and use the hand speed to its fullest."

As part of the contract, Pacquiao's camp demanded a 144-pound catchweight three pounds below the welterweight

Manny Pacquiao and Long Island's Chris Algieri pose for cameras during the final U.S. press conference in September to promote their fight in November.

limit. Algieri is a 140-pound champ, so, he will make that easily, but Pacquiao, who hasn't stopped an opponent in five years, also should have more power at that weight.

Pacquiao and Roach agreed Algieri earned the fight by the way he came back from two first-round knockdowns against Provodnikov to box his way to victory.

"Algieri did just beat one of the best punchers in the world," Roach said. "He got off the deck twice, and he showed a lot of heart. We are not taking him lightly at all."

The two fighters and their camps got the chance to know each other during their 27,000-mile promotional trip that began at the Venetian Macau, where the fight will take place. Algieri has projected extreme confidence, but Roach and Pacquiao have a vast gulf in experience over their opponent.

"He speaks well and all that, but he's a little nervous," Roach said. "It's new for him."

Pacquiao has studied Algieri's style, and he plans to draw on his experience defeating 5-11 puncher Antonio Margarito in 2010. He credited Algieri's skill level but added: "I saw a weakness also. I saw weakness."

To the suggestion he might get inside more easily because Algieri (20-0, 8 KOs) hasn't shown a big knockout punch, Pacquiao said: "I don't want to think about that because it gives me more confidence. I have to make sure I'm 100 percent focused."

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of avenging the losses of Trench Tech teammates Josh "Chaos" Duenas and Mark "The Dark" Nuique to Alfred.

Six other fights were featured in PXC 45 with hometown bet

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In the title match, Farro and Malasarte breezed through a 21-10, 21-4 win to forge a winner-take-all Game 2 and went on to complete the victory with a masterful 21-7, 21-10 decision.

The young pair, in both matches, capitalized on their opponents' numerous errors to enjoy double-digit margins. Farro and Malasarte alternated in scoring the points with an array of smashes and dropped shots to complete the sweep.

Meanwhile, Malasarte is also in contention for the mixed doubles C crown after pairing with brother Jerome in pulling off an 18-21, 21-18, 21-16 triumph over Baby Banadera and Patrick Fernandez.

In other results, youngsters Deether Ortega and Jong Min are so far undefeated in the

Kyle Aguon clinching the vacant bantamweight belt after scoring a split decision win over Filipino Rolando Dy in the main event.

In other matches, Alex Volkanovski scored a unanimous decision win over Kyle Reyes, while Trevin Jones defeated

men's doubles A after wins over the pairs of Cris Hilario and Ferdie Arago and Aries Cordero and Jerry Hibi.

Ortega and Min first dispatched Hilario and Arago, 21-10, 21-17, and then had to grind out a 21-17, 18-2, 21-17 decision over the Cordero-Hibi tandem.

Hilario and Cordero bounced back with a 21-18, 21-13 win over Fernandez and Leo Sun, while Arago was not that lucky after his partnership with Windy Fernandez resulted to a 21-6, 21-17 loss to the brother-sister tandem of Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan in the mixed doubles A division.

Glen Blautjens and Young Sun also won their match in the men's A doubles, posting a 21-16, 21-17 decision over Jordan Pangilinan and Joel Ortega.

Ortega's luck changed in the men's doubles B after teaming up with Edwin Montoya in

Toby Misech by split decision. Brogan Walker, in the lone female bout, also scored a unanimous decision victory against Yoojin Jung. Hong Seung Chan and Scotty Eclavea defeated Tyrone Jones and Mike Sanchez, respectively, also by unanimous decisions.

completing a 21-16, 21-19 victory over Edwin Maratas and Jorge Olanda.

In the women's doubles B, Loyda Ito's partnership with Ana Alvarez resulted to a 17-21, 21-19, 21-19 triumph against the tandem of Malou Malasarte and Marlene Peraja in the doubles B category. Ito went on to gain two wins last weekend, as she teamed up with Tae Ho in pulling off an 18-21, 21-18, 21-13 win over Roger Vales and Annette Ta in the mixed doubles 40-and-above division.

Vales and Ta rebounded with a 21-14, 21-14 win over Blautjens and Emily Vargas, while Jeff Riman and Cheng Zingapan tripped Abanto and Zeke Macario in the mixed doubles B.

Elimination round matches in the Tan Holdings Open continued last night, while title games in several other divisions are expected to finish this Friday.

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2013 and also won a tight race after submitting 1:55:01.37 against the 1:55:01.68 and 1:59:24 of Dencio Bautista and Ricky Suba, respectively. Castro participated in last year's race, too and ruled the road bike category after recording 1:54:59 and beating Diycio (1:55:01.06) and Butch Sublemente (1:55:01.37).

In this year's MTB, there was also a tough battle for first place with George De Guzman winning after registering 1:37:21. He edged Edwin Morales, who clocked in at 1:38:02 and Noel Altamirano, who posted 1:39:51.

In the women's MTB, Jacklyn Van Natta was the runaway winner after completing the course in 1:48:06. Lynn Tenorio was the other female entry in the division and reached the finish line at the 2:13:07 mark. There was also a two-rider race in the women's road bike category with Susan Marchitti downing Beth Kohnon as the former timed in at 2:03:30 against the

latter's 2:19:12.

The Top 2 finishers in the women's road and MTB races received medals and gift certificates during the award ceremony, while the Top 3 placers in the men's division took home medals and in-kind prizes, too.

Twenty-five bikers registered for the men's road bike division and 20 showed up for the early morning race and braved the wet and slippery course. Other finishers were Tyce Mister (1:32:11), Willy Barbo (1:33:04), Rene Calage (1:33:06), Wynn Brillo (1:33:10), Fred Remilloza (1:33:11), Cesar Fortaleza (1:33:13), Russ Quinn (1:39:04), Allen Perez (1:40:32), Manny Sitchon (1:47:44), Diony Peralta (1:54:56.28), Ric Antonio (1:54:56.59), Gerald Rangamar (1:59:22), June Pineda (2:03:17), Mike Catacutan (2:07:15), Derek Chambers (2:09:22), Ruben Leynes (2:11:53), and John Dax Moreno (2:13:00).

The men's MTB division drew the most participants with 42, but only 36 showed up on race day. Making it to the finishers

list were Samson Tan (1:40:33), Gary Bandoja (1:40:38), Pax Guevarra (1:40:51), Gerry Esquivel (1:43:43), Joiner Enriquez (1:43:49), Richard Asuncion (1:44:15), Ponce Corotan (1:47:48), Jay Diycio (1:47:48), Vince Seman (1:47:49), Jay Santos (1:47:49), Romy Ampit (1:47:49), Nomer Mangalinao (1:47:50), Tim Goodwin (1:47:51), Floro Derexes (1:47:53), Ray Tenta (1:47:54), Ernie Moises (1:48:21);

Jojo Valencia (1:58:03), Mario Jacob (2:01:49), Rugino Panelo (2:03:05), Ranie Palad (2:07:05), Florence Antonio (2:07:15), James Hofschneider (2:11:50), June Evangelista (2:12:14), Robert Torres (2:12:46), Windle Ciano (2:15:18), Edgardo Deang (2:20:35), Aloysius Romolator (2:25:28), Ricky Castro (2:25:53), Matt Buenabajo (2:26:43), Ambet Omampo (2:26:44), Bhoie Hernandez (2:30:45), and Nelson Cancaida (3:06:12).

Meanwhile, organizers would like to thank IP&E and Pacific Islands Club Saipan for supporting the weekend race.

Dream Team tops KFC, gets first win



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Dream Team entered the win column of the 2014 BANMI Youth League after topping Kentucky Fried Chicken, 56-49, in their U21 division game last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Dream team seized full control of the final tiff of the night in the second half to gain its first victory in four games, while KFC took its fourth loss after six matches.

Ahead by only six at the break, 26-20, Dream Team used its height advantage against the younger and shorter KFC players to hit easy baskets and enjoy a 45-30 lead at the end of the third period. Max Camacho led Dream Team's breakaway, drilling 6 of his game-high 11 points in the third quarter. Six other Dream Team players scored in the third period, while KFC was held to 10 markers for the third straight time.

Dream Team went on to protect its double-digit lead in the majority of the fourth and final quarter, as KFC decided to gamble from the 3-point area late in the match in an attempt to overhaul the deficit. Jethro Cruz drained his second straight triple to bring Dream Team's lead to single digit, 45-54, but time was not on KFC's side as the clock read 1:23. Dream



Dream Team's Max Camacho goes up for a shot against KFC's Dalton Dancoe during the third quarter of their U21 game in the BANMI youth caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Team melted the clock down before scoring its last field goal off Dino Palacios' reverse layup, while Cruz split his charities and buried another triple to peg the final score.

Meanwhile, in the first U21 game, the Ol'Aces kept their unbeaten record (5-0) after wall-rolling Laly 4, 92-49.

A 24-4 scoring surge in the first quarter was all the Ol'Aces

needed to coast to victory.

Big man Jimmy Tudela cherry-picked in the paint against the hapless Laly 4 (0-5) en route to his game-high 22 points. Four other Ol'Aces players finished in twin digits in the rout with Ignacio Borja adding 14, Kobe Mendoza and Wilfredo Francisco chipping in 12 each, and L.D. Sanches contributing 10. Derek Olopai paced Laly

4 with his 16 markers, while John Kapileo was the only other double figure scorer on the team, tallying 12.

First Game

Ol'Aces 92 – Tudela 22, Borja 14, Mendoza 12, Francisco 12, Sanchez 10, Olopai 8, Yap 6, Darag 5, Suarez 2.

Laly 4 49 – D. Olopai 16, J. Kapileo 12, Rogolifoi 8, S. Kapileo 6, Lisua 3, Sablan 2, Sato 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-4, 39-13, 71-29, 92-49

Second Game

Dream Team 56 – Camacho 11, Kautz 10, Ja. Palacios

9, S. Deleon Guerrero 8, Santy 4, D. Palacios 4, Sablan 4, Kwon 1.

KFC 49 – Cruz 17, Ogasawara 6, Borromeo 6, Pamintuan 4, Montes 4, Camacho 4, Cristobal 3, Alipio 2, Deocares 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-10, 26-20, 45-30, 56-49.

Magic 8 Ball moves on top of billiards league

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The Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball moved on top of the 2014 Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday league with one month left before the season ends.

The Magic 8 Ball dropped a 9-6 decision against the Poseidon Titans, but now enjoys a 7-win advantage over former leaders Route33 Armatech Hustlers. The Smoke Pub-backed crew holds 91-59 slate with the Hustlers dropping to second with 84-66, while Wild Bills is not too far behind at 83-67.

The Hustlers also lost their match last Thursday after being ambushed by National Alamo Car Rental, 8-7, while the Jokers Home Boyz defeated Wild Bills in similar scores.

Only Jonny's Team SCS registered a lopsided win in the Thursday league when it dealt the Barcode Breakers an 11-4 thrashing. National Alamo Car Rental (80-70), Poseidon Titans

(78-72), Jokers Homeboyz (78-72), Barcode Breakers (56-94) and Jonny's Team SCS (50-100) complete the standings.

In the Tuesday league, the Jokers IT&E Voyagers regained the top ranking after an 11-4 victory over the Smoke Pub Lancheras.

The Voyagers now hold a 102-48 won-loss record for a 3-win advantage over the Saipan TV Hustlers, which took the lead last week.

The Hustlers drubbed the

Jokers Str8 Shooters, 10-5, to improve to a 99-51 record and remain within striking distance of the Voyagers.

Jonny's Crazy 8 edged Smoke Pub Sang&D'Gang, 8-7, in the other match. The Str8 Shooters (89-61), Crazy 8 (75-75), Sang&D'Gang (60-90) and Lancheras (25-125) complete the standings.

The league will play three more weeks for the finals and the Budweiser Cup after the seven-week regular season.



Players of Jokers Homeboyz and Wild Bills Wild Wild West pose for a photo during a break in their game in SBA's Thursday league last week.

MP United begins Pilipinas Cup bid today



Players and officials of MP United FC's U14 and U17 teams pose for a photo at the departure area of the Saipan International Airport before leaving for the Philippines last Saturday morning.

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MP United Football Club's U14 and U17 teams start their campaign in the 2014 Pilipinas Cup today at Nuvali Evolving Field in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Philippines.

First to see action in the four-day competition is MP United's U14 squad, which will debut



against Higala FC at 10am at Field 3. The club's U17 team, on the other hand, will have its opening match in the tournament at 2pm versus the high school team of the University of

Sto. Tomas. MP United players have only one day of rest before beginning their bid in the Pilipinas Cup as they left Saipan early Saturday morning and arrived in Manila late evening.

The club's U14 squad is fielding 17 players in the division with Sun Joon Tenorio leading the team. Other members of the squad are Joshua Abragan, Richard Chin,

Danielle Colombo, Steven Goodwin, Clayton Izuka, Cody Leon, Edwin Kim, Tony Kim, Alex Park, Kevin Park, Go Sekiguchi, Rinto Takahashi, Jon Villagomez, Seung Mock You, Keanu Diaz, and Ba Da Lee. Eric Abragan and Lydia Tan complete the U14 team, serving as assistant coach and manager, respectively.

MP United U14 is in Group

A of the 19-team field. After its game against Higala FC, the team will face Loyola Meralco Sparks tomorrow, FC Forza Academy on Wednesday, and FC Nasugbu on Thursday. After the round-robin play, only the Top 2 teams in the group will join qualifiers in Groups B, C, and D in the playoffs. Group B has Albay Legaspi FFA, Don Bosco Cebu A, Global FC, Peref Southridge, and Dom Bosco College Canlubang, while Manila Soccer Academy leads Group B joining Roxas Wildcats FC, Pilipinas Dragons FC, and Green Archers United FC. Group D is composed of Albay Legaspi FA B, Don Bosco Cebu B, Green Barons FC, Ateneo de Manila, and RC Tanauan Labuyo.

In the U17 division, MP United is in Group C along with University of Batangas, Iriga City-Usant, and Manila Soccer Academy. The team has 15 players in Christopher Aninzo, Enrico del Rosario, Daniel Bae, Chan Woo Jeong, Jehn Joyner, Scott Kim, John Diego Masga, Luis Borja, Marco Borja, Karmello Carlos Rodriguez, Julian Roxas, Ryu Tanzawa, David Yang, Jason Kim, and Jack Unsa

and will be coached by Norman del Rosario.

The squad will face Manila Soccer Academy on Tuesday before playing back-to-back games on Wednesday against the University of Batangas on Wednesday and Iriga City. There are only three groups in the U17 division with Forza FC Team Soceroo, Invictus FC, RC Tanauan Labuyo, and Far Eastern University Diliman making up Group A and LPU-Cavite, Ateneo de Manila, Higala FC, Albay Legaspi FA and Green Archers United FC comprising Group B.

MP United's teams will aim to surpass the club's third place in when it debuted in the Pilipinas Cup last year. The visiting team joined the U18 division contest last year and made it to the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Loyola Meralco Sparks. The Norman del Rosario-coached squad then bounced back in the battle for third place, stunning La Salle Greenhills.

Meanwhile, the club would like to thank the following for making their participation to the Pilipinas Cup possible: IT&E CNMI, IP&E Saipan, I Love Saipan, βHighRes, Dr. Park of Brother's Acupuncture, all who supported the team in its fundraising events.



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Masga triumphs in PXC debut

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Vince “The Clinch” Masga won his debut in last Friday’s Pacific Xtreme Combat 45 held at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Mangilao.

Masga’s victory gave the CNMI a 1-1 record in Guam’s premier MMA event. Shane “Pikaboo” Alvarez was the other Saipan-based fighter who saw action in last Friday’s competition and lost to Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran Darren Uyenoyama (8-5) via technical knockout in the first round. Alvarez absorbed only his second defeat in 12 bouts.

Masga kicked off the event with a dominant unanimous decision win over Guam’s McK-lane Alfred (3-1).

He improved his mixed martial arts record to 5-1 with his lone loss registered against Ricky Camp in Rites of Passage 16: Unleashed in April 11 this year.

Masga was the aggressor from the start and dominated



the entire bout as he always went for an early take down in all three rounds. He had numerous chances of ending the bout early by submission

but a number of times Alfred managed to get out of his chokes. Masga then used his strength and defense to foil Alfred’s chances of turning the match to his favor to earn the nod from all three judges.

With the impressive victory, Masga made true to his promise

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Trench Tech’s Vince “The Clinch” Masga, seen here trying to hold on to the legs of Guam’s Rick “2Slick” Camp during the Rites of Passage 16 this year on Saipan, won his PXC debut last Friday in Guam.



Farro, Malasarte rule doubles C

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Young turks Mykki Farro and

Nicole Malasarte overcame the twice-to-beat advantage of Roxie Lazaro and Gigi Zapanta to rule the women’s doubles C



division in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Both pairs played their first matches with Lazaro and Zapanta sweeping their two games by default, including an eliminations game against Farro and Malasarte. Farro and Malasarte also had an easy win over Patricia Abantao and Jerralyn Castillo, who again failed to show up for the match, to earn the right to face Lazaro and Zapanta in the finals.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Mykki Farro, right, and Nicole Malasarte are all smiles after beating Roxe Lazaro and Gigi Zapanta in the finals of the women’s doubles C division of the Tan Holdings Open 2014 last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.



Dizon noses out youth bikers in 50K race

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Veteran biker Nap Dizon triumphed in a down-to-the-wire finish against two youth riders in the road bike category of last Saturday’s PIC Bike For Life.

Dizon completed the 50K race that started and ended at the southern parking lot of Pacific Islands Club and brought riders to the northern side of the island in 1:29:44.94 to edge Erico Castro and Jerome Diyco. Castro reached the finish line just about a second behind Dizon after posting 1:29:45.44, while Diyco was also not far behind with a third-best time of 1:29:46.46.

Dizon and Castro kept each

other’s company in the majority of the race before the former outspurred the latter in the last few meters of the road bike category to prevail in the close race

and earn his second straight win in the annual race. Last year, Dizon joined the MTB category in

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Nap Dizon leads Erico Castro as they negotiate the uphill road in front of the former Nikko Hotel during last Saturday’s PIC Bike For Life.